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KAZUMA KONDOU
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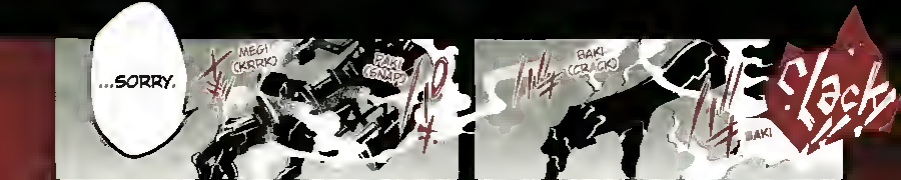
SMOKIN' PARADE
PARENTAL ADVISORY
WARNING

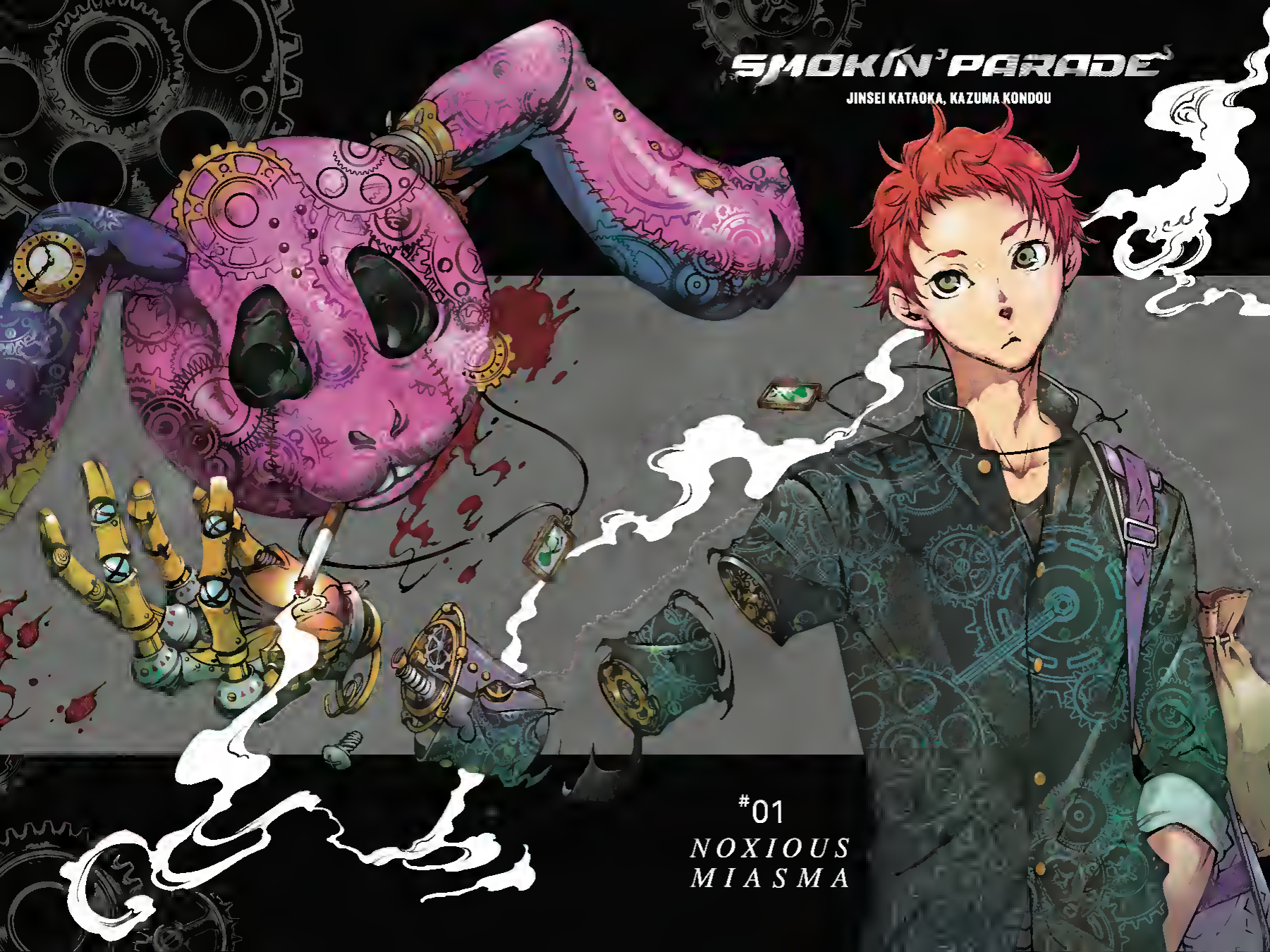
click
clack
—numerous killin dismemberments. Two in Tokyo alone.
"Is there more than one killer?"
PAPER: ANOTHER KILLING
"The weapon used in the slayings— is still unknown."
Bizarre animal costume heads have been found at the scenes.

Eyewitness accounts of the perpetrator vary—For example:

"Black monsters."



...BUT WE JACKALOPES LOVE OURSELVES A HAPPY ENDING.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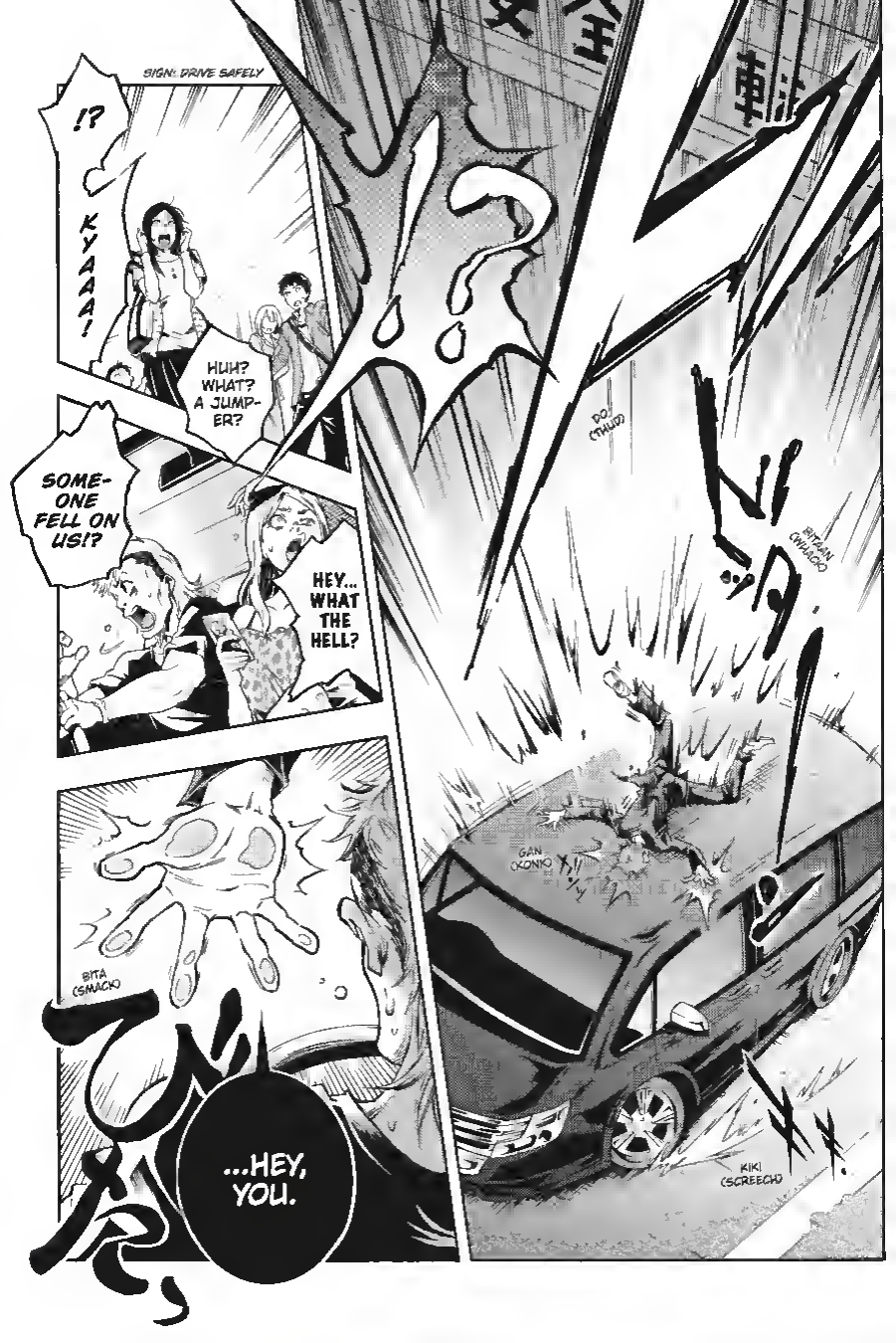
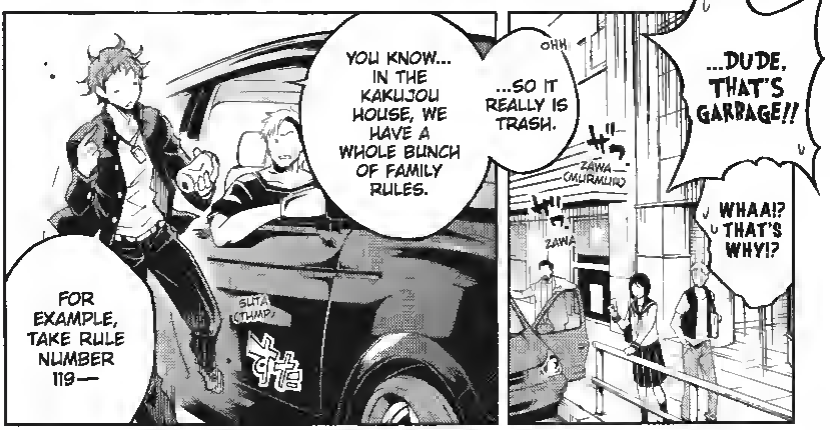
HA!
HAAH!
—IT WAS MY FIFTEENTH BIRTHDAY.
IT WAS AS IF...
...THE WORLD DIED THAT DAY.

HAAH.
TON
CTNIK


SIGN: DRIVE SAFELY
!?
KYAAA!
HUH? WHAT? A JUMPER?
SOMEONE FELL ON US!?
HEY... WHAT THE HELL?
DO (THUD)
SHITAIN GYAAAOO
GAN (KONK)
KIKI (SCREECH)
BITA (SMACK)
...HEY, YOU.

YOU DROP THIS?
ドライビール
BEER
KAKUYASU

CAN: DRY BEER

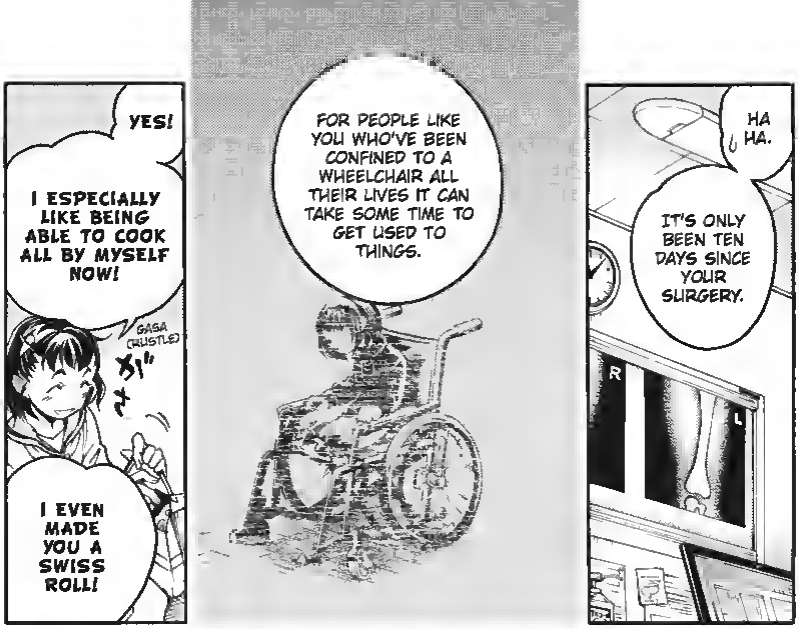

FOR EXAMPLE, TAKE RULE NUMBER 119—
SUTA (CHMP)
YOU KNOW... IN THE KAKUJOU HOUSE, WE HAVE A WHOLE BUNCH OF FAMILY RULES.
...SO IT REALLY IS TRASH.
OHH
ZAWA
ZAWA
...DUDE, THAT'S GARBAGE!!
WHAA!? THAT'S WHY!?

"DISPOSE OF TRASH PROPERLY, OR IT'LL COME RIGHT BACK TO YOU."
GO (WHOOSH)
!!
PITA (STOP)
OH!
YOU, REDHEAD, ARE YOU CAUSING TROUBLE AGAIN!?
STOP RIGHT THERE!!
PIPI (PWEEET)
JUST THE OTHER DAY, YOU SPRAINED THE LEG OF A YAKUZA WHO WAS SITTING IN THE HANDICAPPED SEATS, DIDN'T YOU?
?
HE SAID HE WASN'T GOING TO MOVE, SO I JUST MADE SURE HE COULD JUSTIFY STAYING THERE..
YOU'RE THE PROB-LEM!
WANT SOME HELP?
IS THERE A PROBLEM, OFFICER?

ONE OF MY FAMILY RULES IS THAT YOU ONLY DO WHAT ANY NORMAL PERSON WOULD DO.
...THOUGH I AM THE ONE WHO MADE ALL THE RULES.
YOU DIDI?
WELL, THAT'S AWFULLY CONVENIENT, NOW, ISN'T IT...?
GO (WHOOSH)
!
GYA
(SQUEAL)
WHOA... THAT'S DANGER-OUS.
SHOULDN'T YOU SHOOT THEM? AS A DECENT PERSON?
LIKE I WOULD REALLY SHOOT THEM, BRAT.
...OH, WELL, THAT'S A TOP-PRIORITY EMERGENCY VEHICLE.

IT BELONGS TO AMENOTORI, THE HUMAN TRANSPLANT COMPANY.
Y'KNOW, THE REVOLUTIONARY MEDICAL COMPANY THAT'S MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR ANY BODY PART TO BE TRANSPLANTED.
...OHH.
THEY HELPED MY LITTLE SISTER.
SIGN GENERAL HOSPITAL

...LOOKS LIKE EVERYTHING'S JUST FINE.
THE TRANSPLANTS HAVE PERFECTLY ASSIMILATED TO YOUR BONES AND NERVES.
HOW DO YOU FEEL...
...MIRAI KAKUJOU-SAN?
GREAT! IT'S REALLY FUN HAVING TWO LEGS, ISN'T IT?
I CAN WALK! I CAN RUN!
SUDDENLY, I'M A LOT TALLER. I CAN EVEN SEE THE WHORLS ON PEOPLE'S HEADS!
HAHAHAA!
YOU JUST WANNA POKE AT THOSE WHORLS, DON'T YOU!?


HA HA.
IT'S ONLY BEEN TEN DAYS SINCE YOUR SURGERY.
R
L
FOR PEOPLE LIKE YOU WHO'VE BEEN CONFINED TO A WHEELCHAIR ALL THEIR LIVES IT CAN TAKE SOME TIME TO GET USED TO THINGS.
YES!
I ESPECIALLY LIKE BEING ABLE TO COOK ALL BY MYSELF NOW!
GASA (RUSTLE)
I EVEN MADE YOU A SWISS ROLL!

...OH.
YOU DID QUITE A. . WONDERFUL JOB ROLLING IT.
WHOA...
TEE HEE!
AH HA HA.
I'M HAVING SOME FRIENDS OVER TODAY, AND WE'RE GOING TO MAKE ANOTHER CAKE.
CHIRA (TINGLE)
TO-DAY...

SFX: GURURURURURU (GURRRRGLE)
...MAYBE I SHOULD GO GET ONE OF THOSE "TEN-PERSON CHALLENGE" BOWLS TO EAT BEFORE I HEAD TO WORK.
THOUGH THEY DID BAN ME FROM THE RESTAURANT THE OTHER DAY...
GH!

KLIN (SNIFF)
?
THAT'S A WEIRD SMELL...
IRON?
FISH?
GURURU
...OH WELL.

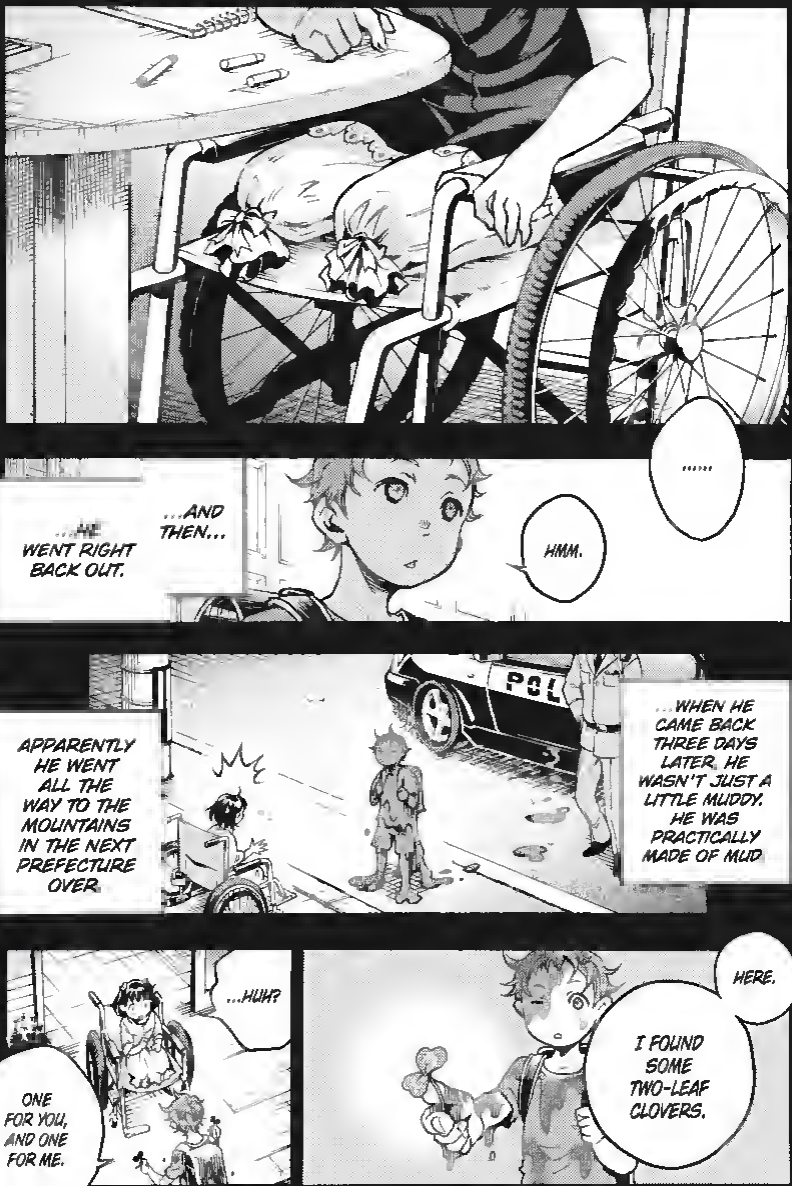
...IS MY BIG BROTHER'S BIRTHDAY!
SIGN: MIDORI PARK

click
ISN'T THERE ...
clack
...AHH...
BORED
...ANYTHING TO KILL?
KAKUJOU

DOCHAAAA (SPLURGH)
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
DOCHUMAN (THUNK)
MIRAI'S REALLY FIRED UP FOR THIS, ISN'T SHE?
SHE'S BEEN WAY TOO PERKY SINCE HER SURGERY.
HRAA
AH!
TRANSPLANT SURGERIES THESE DAYS ARE PRETTY AWESOME, AREN'T THEY?
THERE WAS EVEN THAT ONE SOCCER PLAYER WHO GOT IN AN ACCIDENT, HAD SURGERY, AND PLAYED IN A GAME LATER THAT DAY.
Amenokori's patented surgical techniques offer infinite possibilities.
GASHAN! (CRASH)
SERIOUSLY, WHAT IS UP WITH THAT...?

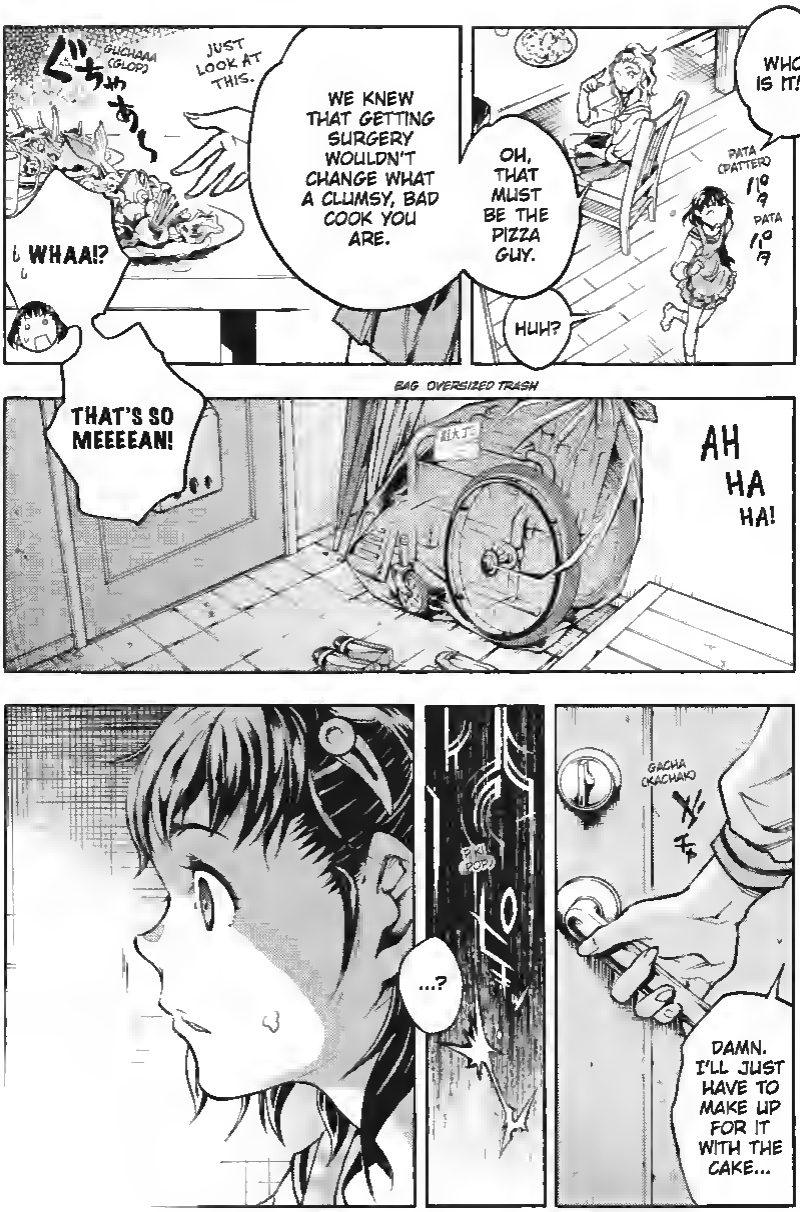
NO WAY!
I'M GONNA COOK EVERYTHING ALL BY MYSELF!
THAT'S WHAT I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF DOING!
...WE'RE DONE DECORATING. YOU WANT SOME HELP?
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE A BIT LATE FOR THAT.
...HE DOESN'T HAVE TO PUSH MY WHEELCHAIR AROUND ANYMORE.
AND I CAN MAKE HIM DELICIOUS FOOD WITHOUT HIM HAVING TO SET THE CUTTING BOARD AT A HEIGHT I CAN REACH!
THIS IS ALL FOR MY BELOVED BIG BROTHER.
I SHOULD GET A CLUE! THAT'S NOT ONE OF THE FAMILY RULES.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME WASHING MY SISTER'S UNDERWEAR?
*THEIR FIRST MEETING
.....
YEAH, HE'S NOT A BAD GUY, BUT...
BUT...
ONII-CHAN IS SUPER COOL!
YOU KNOW, WHEN I WAS LITTLE...

...I'M BACK!
WHATCHA DRAWING, MIRAI?
...OH. WELL...
...THEY SAY FOUR-LEAF CLOVERS ARE LUCKY.
BOOK: BOTANICAL FIELD GUIDE
植物図鑑
BUT, YOU KNOW...
...THERE ARE CLOVERS OUT THERE THAT ONLY HAVE TWO LEAVES TOO.
...I REALLY WANT TO SEE ONE OF THOSE.

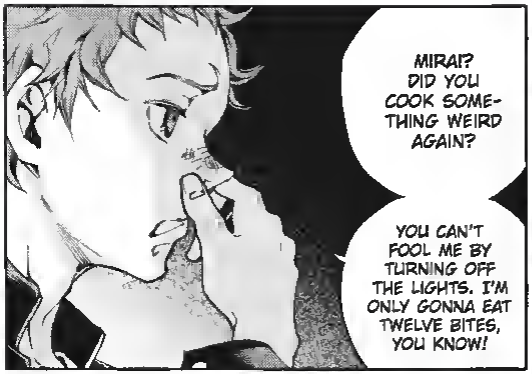

.....
HMM.
...AND THEN...
...HE WENT RIGHT BACK OUT.
...WHEN HE CAME BACK THREE DAYS LATER, HE WASN'T JUST A LITTLE MUDDY. HE WAS PRACTICALLY MADE OF MUD.
APPARENTLY HE WENT ALL THE WAY TO THE MOUNTAINS IN THE NEXT PREFECTURE OVER.
HERE.
I FOUND SOME TWO-LEAF CLOVERS.
...HUH?
ONE FOR YOU, AND ONE FOR ME.

IF WE PUT TWO CLOVERS WITH TWO LEAVES TOGETHER...
...THEN THAT SHOULD MAKE US LUCKY, RIGHT?
ALL FOR ME...
.....!
I'M SORRY ONII-CHAN...
BZZT!
GON (THUNK)
OW!?
KAKUJOU FAMILY RULE NUMBER FOUR—
"YOU DON'T APOLOGIZE TO FAMILY."
RIGHT?

OH.
YEAH... THEN...
THANKS, ONII-CHAN!
...AND NOW...
...WE BOTH WEAR THOSE TWO-LEAF CLOVERS AS PENDANTS!
DISPLAY: DOORBELL
PIN-PON!
PINPOON (DING-DONG)
UGH, HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU TOLD US THAT STORY NOW!?
?


GUCHAAA (GLOP)
JUST LOOK AT THIS.
WE KNEW THAT GETTING SURGERY WOULDN'T CHANGE WHAT A CLUMSY, BAD COOK YOU ARE.
WHAA!?
OH, THAT MUST BE THE PIZZA GUY.
WHO IS IT!?
PATA (PATTER) PATA
HUH?
BAG OVERSIZED TRASH
THAT'S SO MEEEEAN!
AH HA HA!
...?
GACHA (KACHAK)
DAMN. I'LL JUST HAVE TO MAKE UP FOR IT WITH THE CAKE...

...!?
MIRAI!?
GH!
!
AH!
!
AHH...
PIKI
PIKI
GACHA


MIRAI? DID YOU COOK SOMETHING WEIRD AGAIN?
YOU CAN'T FOOL ME BY TURNING OFF THE LIGHTS. I'M ONLY GONNA EAT TWELVE BITES, YOU KNOW!

STILL, I SMELLED THIS SOMEWHERE ELSE TODAY.
IT'S LIKE IRON OR FISH...

OH, THAT'S IT.

I'M BACK!
...WOO, WHAT REEKS?

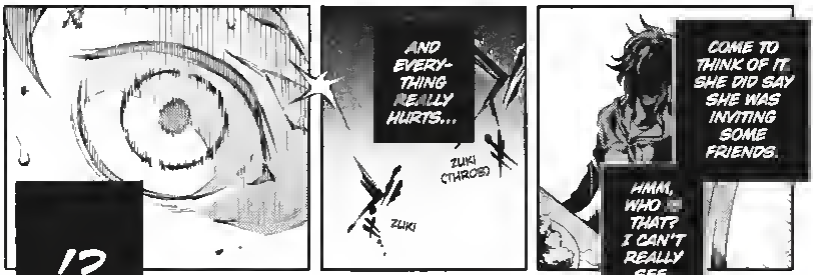
БО СТРШНО
...THAT'S THE SMELL OF BLOOD.
...DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

THERE ARE THINGS IN THIS WORLD THAT MUSTN'T BE SUFFERED TO LIVE.
THINGS LIKE YOU...
MONSTERS.

—THE DREAM OF THE SMELL OF BLOOD—

HAPPY
SURPRISE!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ONII-CHAN!

WHAT SORT OF IDIOT KNOCKS A PERSON OUT JUST TO SURPRISE THEM?
...WAIT.

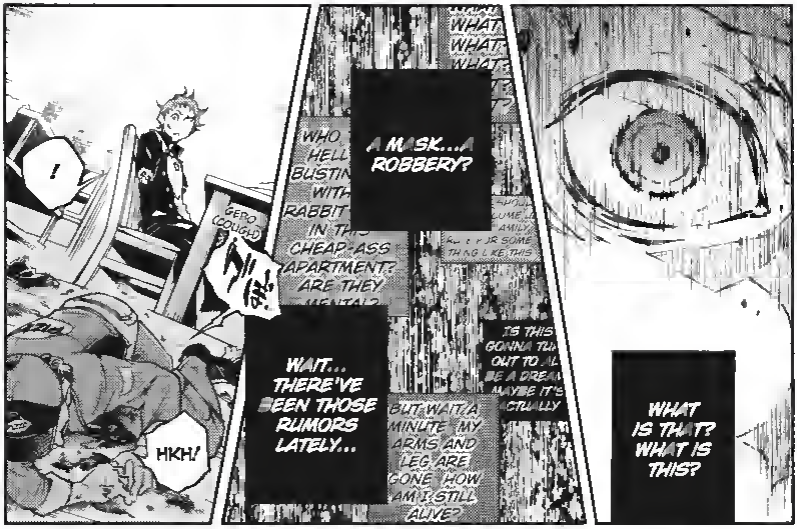

!?
AND EVERY-THING REALLY HURTS...
ZUKI (THROB)
ZUKI
COME TO THINK OF IT, SHE DID SAY SHE WAS INVITING SOME FRIENDS.
HMM, WHO THAT? I CAN'T REALLY SEE.

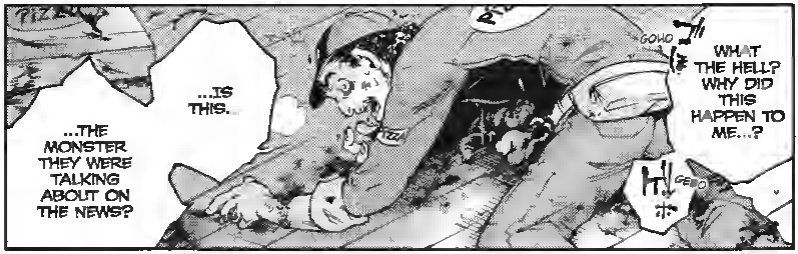
OH!
I kinda ran out of meat...
...so I used some of yours too!

...HUH?

WHERE...
...ARE THEY?
HOT
...!
WHAT THE...
AH!
MY ARMS?
OW.
BUT
HOT
ZUGA CHRON
... WHA ...?
AAH!
ZUGIG
MY LEG?
NN!
GH !?
... HELL ...!?
MAYBE I READ THE COOKBOOK WRONG.
...BUT THEY'RE STILL BLEEDING...
OH? I BURNED THE PLACES WHERE I CUT...
PAKI
PAKIKIKI (SNUP)
PAKI
MI!...
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, MIRAI...?

PAKI
PAKIKI


!
BEHO (COUGH)
HKH!
WAIT... THERE'VE BEEN THOSE RUMORS LATELY...
A MASK...A ROBBERY?
BUT, WAIT A MINUTE. MY ARMS AND LEG ARE GONE. HOW AM I STILL ALIVE?
WHAT IS THAT? WHAT IS THIS?

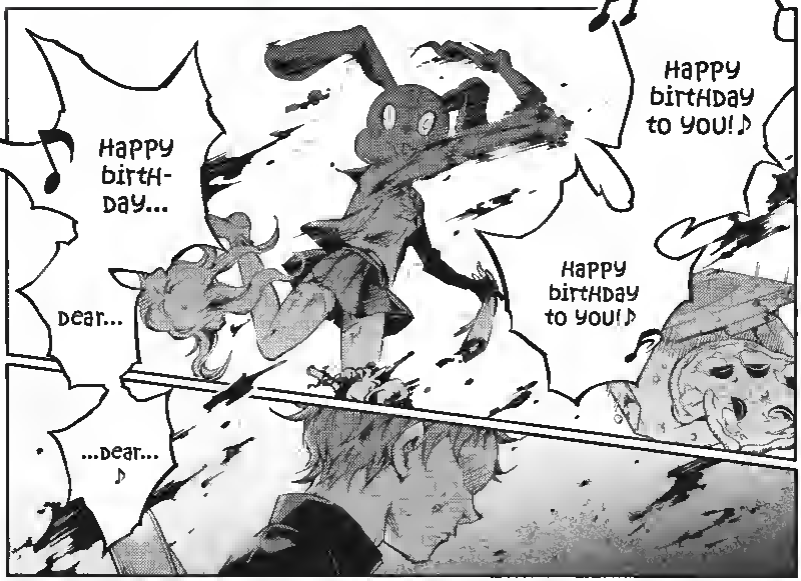

...THE MONSTER THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT ON THE NEWS?
...IS THIS.
GOHO
WHAT THE HELL? WHY DID THIS HAPPEN TO ME...?
GEBO

DOKUN (BEATING)
FOOD...?
I DON'T WANNA BE FOOD...
I DON'T WANNA DIE..
GOFU

CAKE| ONII-CHAN

But I just couldn't go without them!
It's my beloved onii-chan's birthday, after all!
Ah-Ha-Ha, I'm such a ditz! I totally forgot to get candles!
So I had to at least make you something nice to eat!
You were always working because we didn't have a mom or dad.
You didn't have any friends because you were always taking care of me.
I had to bring luck to us.

HUH? WHaa?
You lost your arms and leg, so now you can't hold a fork?
...HUH?
?
Oh, but I used meat from Saki-chan, so now she can't eat anything...
...WHO THE HELL IS THIS?
NO.
WHAT IS IT?
Ever since I had that surgery on my legs...
...I've just felt so good! I can't even help myself!
PAKI (SNAP)
I'm just so, so crazy happy!
AH Ha Ha Ha Ha!
PIKIKI (CRIK)


Happy birth-day...
dear...
...dear... ♪
Happy birthday to you!♪
Happy birthday to you!♪

KUH?
...GUH!
ZAKU
ZAKU (STAB)
...Hm?
Hm?

?
MEEK
MEEK (BLOOD)
?
Dear...
GA (CRUNCH)

WHO ARE YOU AGAIN?
HUH?
HEY, HEY!

WHY'RE YOU CRYING?

BEEP
BEEP
PICKING UP DEFINITE SIGNS OF A SPIDER TRANSFORMATION.
POINT 666.

DEPLOY-
ING THE
SOUND
ABSORP-
TION
SHIELD.
ROGER.
SO
CFWOOSH
lick
BAGIN
CLACK

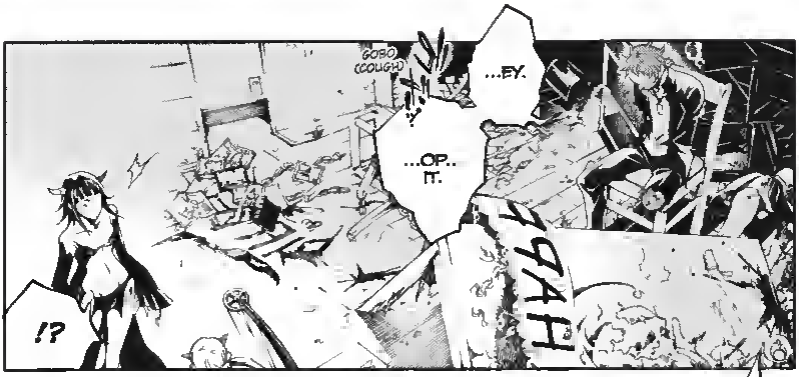
"KILL YOUR HEART, THEN KILL THEM."
"BLOW AWAY THE SMOKE OF BLOOD WITH NINETY-SEVEN-DEGREE STEAM."
DOGA (HLAM)
!?
"LET THE UNRUSTING GEARS TURN."

Click
A GANG?
THE POLICE...?
...A GUN?

HELLO AND BYE-BYE, FUCKING SPIDER!
...BLACK DEMONS?
280 SECONDS OF SOUND ABSORPTION LEFT...
THEY HAVE WEAPONS.
THEY ARE WEAPONS!?
NO...
WHAT THE HELL ARE THESE...

TIME FOR THE JACKALOPE PARADE!
DO (CRASH)
DON
OH, WHAT A CUTE LITTLE BUNNY RABBIT.
PAKI (SNAP)

I'LL GIVE YOU A PRETTY RED RIBBON.
OH!
YOU'LL BECOME AN ADULT WHO ONLY GETS TURNED ON BY BLOOD AND GUNS, JUST LIKE AKUTA.
MATSUGO-CHAN, YOU'RE STILL UNDERAGE. DON'T GET AHEAD OF YOURSELF.
YOU'RE SO KIND, BIG SIS MIDARI...
MARRY ME!♡
...I CAN ADD TO THE PILE OF BODIES, YOU KNOW.


GOFO (COUGH)
...EY.
...OP.. IT.
!?

...THAT ONE'S STILL ALIVE?
HE'S A TOUGH ONE.
HUH?
A SURVIVOR !?

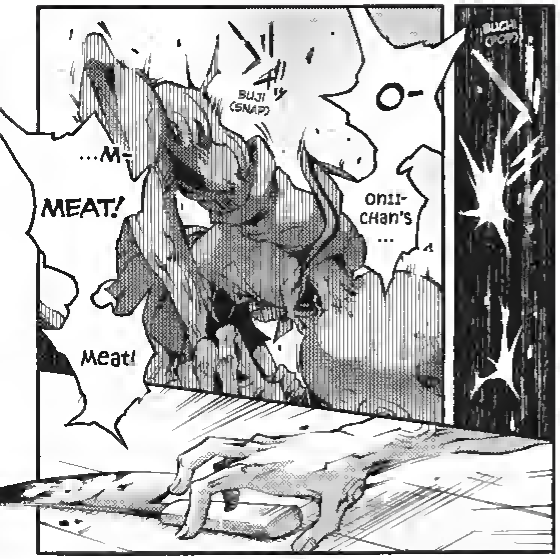
MY SIS-TER ...!
DON'T YOU DARE TOUCH

BUCHI (POP)
BUCHI
BEGI (CRUNCH)
...OHH?

F-
F.O.O.D.
...YOUR SISTER'S TRYING TO KILL YOU, YOU KNOW.
SHE'S GOT QUITE THE FUNNY FACE THERE, HUH?

DON'T WORRY, RED.
YOUR SISTER'S NOTHING BUT A PLAIN OLD MONSTER NOW.
IT'S OKAY IF AN ORDINARY HUMAN CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

SPIDERS.
THEIR HEADS TURN INTO THOSE CREEPY ANIMAL HEADS, AND IN THE END...
...THEY TURN INTO FREAKS DRIVEN BY RAW DESIRE.
BECAUSE OF THE TRANSPLANT, THE BRAIN IS TAKEN OVER...
...AND THE INTERNAL LIMITERS ON BOTH MENTAL AND PHYSICAL POWER ARE TAKEN DOWN.
THAT'S WHAT WE CALL THEM.
IT HAPPENS TO ABOUT 0.2% OF AMENOTORI'S TRANSPLANT PATIENTS.



THE ONLY THING THAT CAN SAVE THEM...

AS YOU CAN SEE, WE'RE THE GOOD MONSTERS.

...ONCE THE MONSTERS SHOW UP, IT'S OUR TURN.

WE'RE THE JACKALOPES. OUR JOB IS TO SLAUGHTER THE GUYS WITH THE MESSED-UP HEADS.

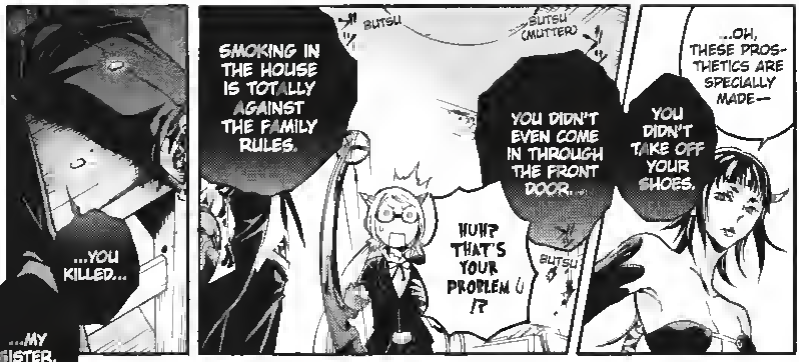
BU (SHURK)

...IS ABSO-LUTE DEATH!!
DO
DO GELAND
DO
DO
DO
DO
COM-PLETE DE-STRUC-TION!!

DOSA
THUD

YOU'RE JUST A HUMAN.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WATCH THE SPIDER'S LAST MOMENTS.
Oh, it's all right.
THE RESCUE CALLED IN EARLIER IS ALMOST TO YOU.
DID YOU JUST SAY "FAT-ASS," MIDARI-SAN?
What is it, Desaki (you fat-ass)?
Hm?
BEEP
...IT'S ALL OVER.

...REALLY ARE MONSTERS, AREN'T YOU?


...YOU KILLED...
...MY SISTER.
SMOKING IN THE HOUSE IS TOTALLY AGAINST THE FAMILY RULES.
BUTSU
BUTSU (MUTTER)
YOU DIDN'T EVEN COME IN THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR.
HUH? THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM !?
BUTSU
YOU DIDN'T TAKE OFF YOUR SHOES.
...OH, THESE PROSTHETICS ARE SPECIALLY MADE—

I NEVER ASKED FOR ANY HELP!
YOU DIDN'T SAY YOU DIDN'T WANT HELP EITHER.
GUESS IT'S JUST YOUR BAD LUCK THAT YOU WERE SPARED.
YOU'RE MADE OF TOUGH STUFF, AND A TOUGH TALKER TO MATCH, EH, KID?
SHAN
JAKON OKA-CHUNK
YOU'RE A STUB-BORN ONE.
GUPU GAO

BOOM
(CRASH)
!?

DO CTHUGD
...DAMN...
...IT.

...YOU BAS-TARD...
DON'T SHOOT THROUGH ME...
SHIELDING A SPIDER...
...WH—
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, KID...?
EVEN THOUGH SHE KILLED HER OWN FRIENDS.
SHE
WAS
MIRAI KAKU-JOU!
EVEN THOUGH SHE CUT OFF MY ARMS AND LEG.
EVEN SO...

LIKE I COULD CALL MYSELF HUMAN IF I DIDN'T STAND UP FOR MY OWN FAMILY!?
THAT'S ONE OF OUR FAMILY RULES. REMEMBER THAT!
YOU DAMN MONSTERS!

DOSA (THUD)

PAKI
PAKI
KI
.....
NO WAY.
PAKIN GORORO
PAKI
BORO
...I...
BORO (CRUMPLE)

...ONII... CHAN.
...I'M... SOR...
...RY...
.....
I'M GONNA SMACK YOU.
...KAKUJOU FAMILY RULE NUMBER FOUR.
AH...
BORO (CRUMBLE)
HA...
BORO
...HA HA.

—ON MY FIFTEENTH BIRTHDAY—

—THE WORLD DIED.

AFTER ALL, MY WHOLE WORLD DIED.

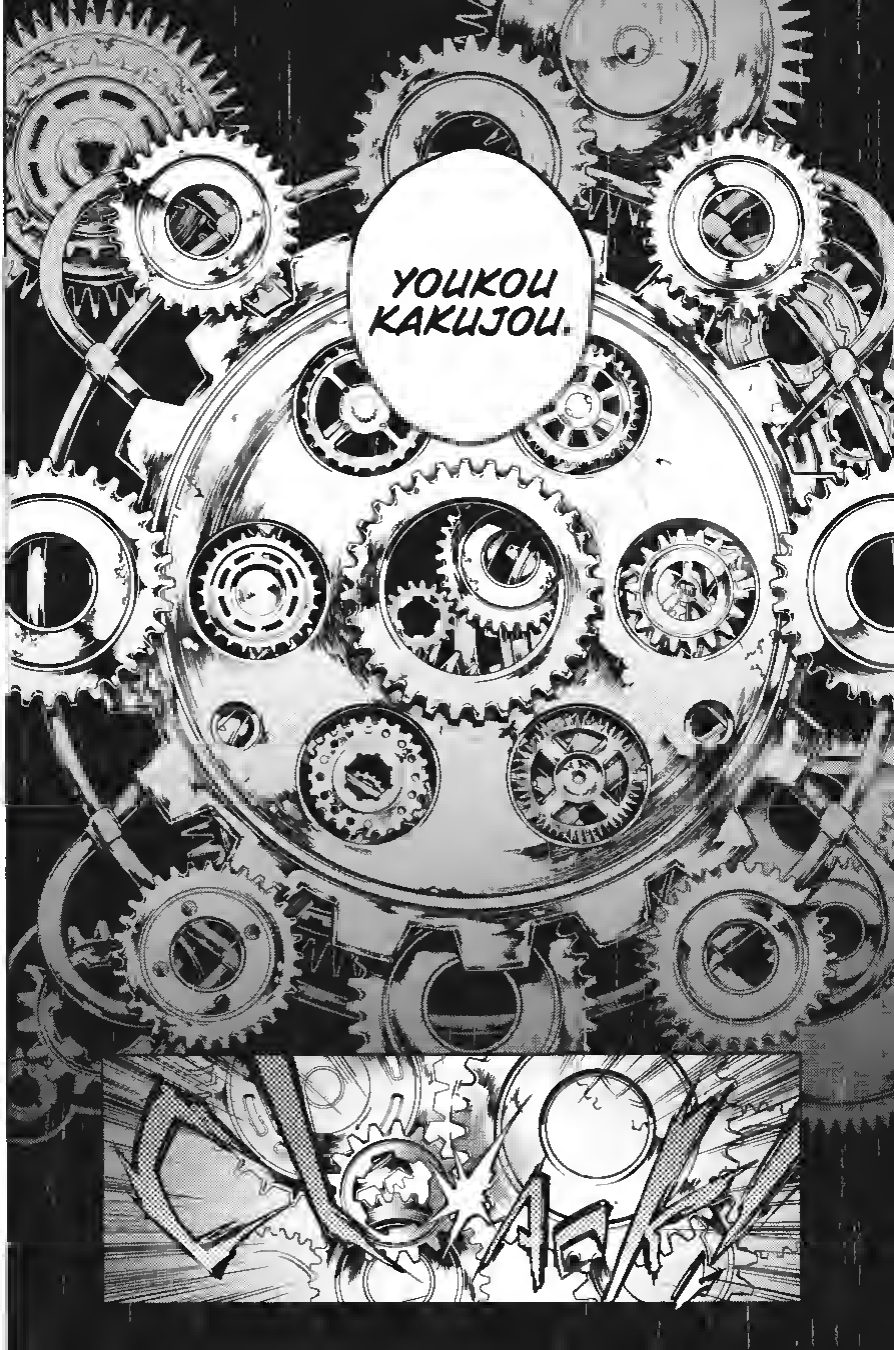
MY FAMILY DIED.

AND WHAT'S MORE...

...I'M GONNA DIE SOON MYSELF.
BO (FWOOSH)
HA!
.....
...HEY, JUST NOW...
...THE SPIDER... HUH!?
WHA?
YOUR HEAD'S PRETTY ROTTEN.
ZA (STEP)
IT'S NOT JUST YOUR LUCK THAT'S BAD.

YOU'RE SMOKIN' COOL, RED.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

!
PTOO!
...KAKU...
...JOU...
click!


YOUKOU
KAKUJOU.

SMOKIN'
PARADE

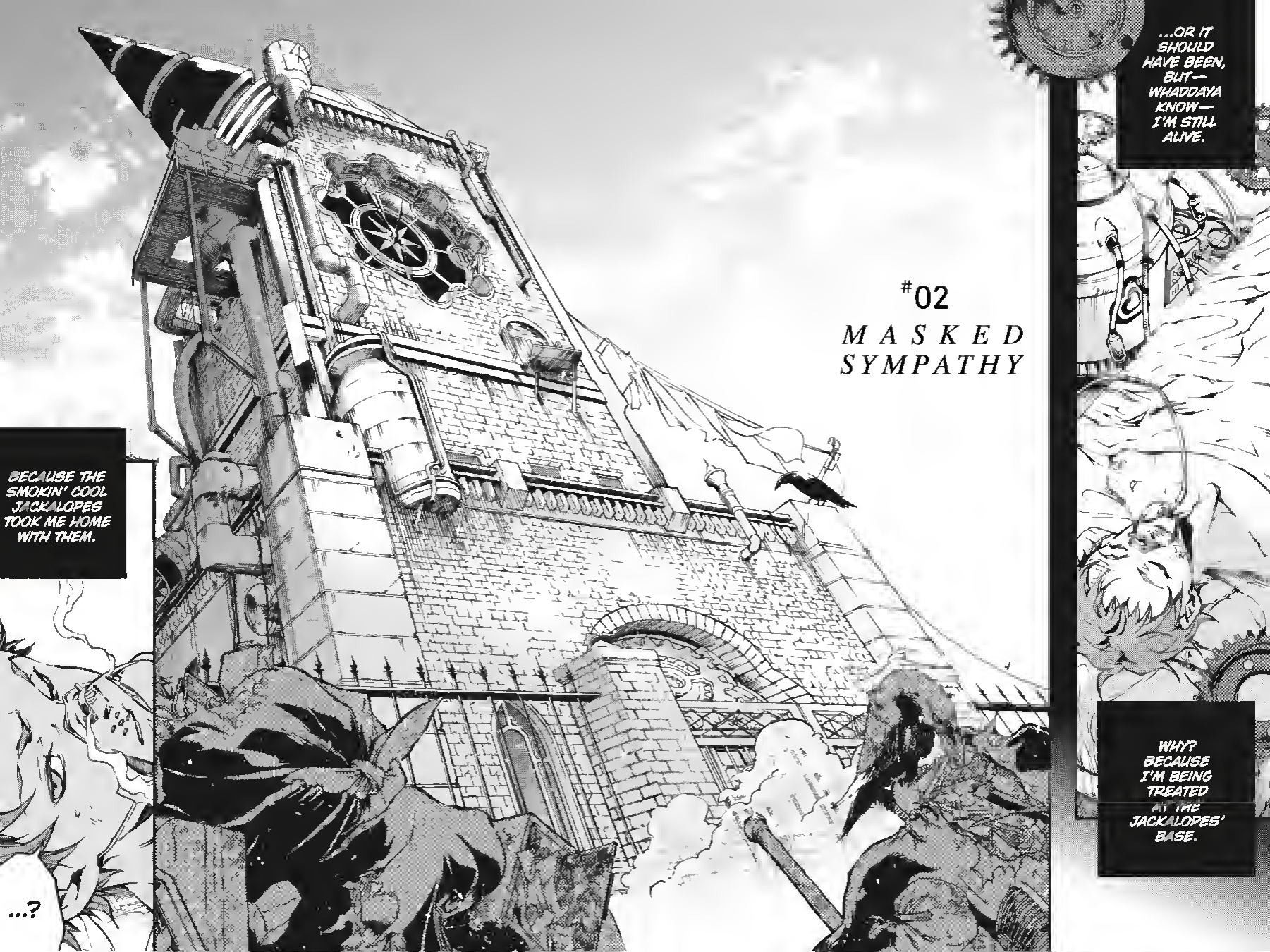
THE WORLD IS DEAD,

THE PARADE WILL START.

JINSEI KATAOKA, KAZUMA KONDOU

PARADISE

YOUKOU KAKUJOU (15).
THAT'S ME. I'M HAVING A NIGHT-MARE.
#02
"THE JACKALOPES."
THOSE BLACK MECHANICAL DEMONS INVADED MY HOUSE.
THE REASON? TO DEFEAT A FREAKISH MONSTER THEY CALL A "SPIDER" THAT HAD FORMERLY BEEN MY SISTER.
AND I, THE IDIOT, PROTECTED MY FORMER SISTER, AND— DEAD END.


#02
MASKED SYMPATHY
...OR IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN, BUT— WHADDAYA KNOW— I'M STILL ALIVE.
WHY? BECAUSE I'M BEING TREATED AT THE JACKALOPES' BASE.
BECAUSE THE SMOKIN' COOL JACKALOPES TOOK ME HOME WITH THEM.
...?

AND THE GEARS OF FATE HAVE STARTED TO TURN...
...HOLD IT, YOU.
DON'T JUST GO AROUND NARRATING MY DREAMS.
GEHO (COUGH)
OWW...
...?
GU (STRAIN)
OH, YOU AWAKE, RED?
...WAIT, NO, YOUKOU.
WHY CAN'T I MOVE...?
HEY, DO YOU HAVE ME TIED UP?
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON...?
AND WHY IS THE GUY FROM MY DREAM ACTUALLY HERE...?
ZURU (SLIP)
I'M NOT INTO TYING PEOPLE UP.
JUST LOOK.
REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED, AIRHEAD.

OH...
...IT WASN'T ...
...A DREAM ...
...CONGRATULATIONS ON SURVIVING HELL.

DINER
...AND WELCOME TO YOUR NEW LIVING HELL.
GASHAN (CLATTER)
HE'S AWAKE!? HIM!?
A FULL TWO MONTHS' WORTH OF SEDATIVES WORE OFF IN JUST TEN DAYS!?
BUT I WANTED TO RUN TESTS ON HIM, FROM THE HAIR ON HIS HEAD ALL THE WAY DOWN TO HIS PRIVATES!
MAYBE HE REALIZED HOW DANGER-OUS THE PERVERT DOCTOR WAS?
IF IT WERE ME...
...I WOULDA FORCED MYSELF AWAKE IN THREE DAYS.

...PAR-FAAAIT /?
MILK
GUCHA (SMOOSH)
...WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO COMPETE WITH HIM, AKUTA!?
JUST WHOSE FAULT IS IT THAT WE BROUGHT HIM BACK HERE WITH US ANYWAY?
TAKE SOME RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR ACTIONS.
...BY THE WAY, I WOULD HAVE WOKEN UP IN JUST A DAY.
HMPH!
COME ON. SAVE THAT ENERGY FOR THE SPIDERS.
BASA (RUSTLE)
LOOK.
HERE'S WHAT THE *ANALOG NEWS* HAS TO SAY ABOUT THE INCIDENT WITH THE RED-HEADED KID.
HUUM?
THAT'S JUST A WASTE OF SEDATIVES!
DON'T OVERCOME MY MEDICAL TECHNIQUES WITH WILL-POWER!

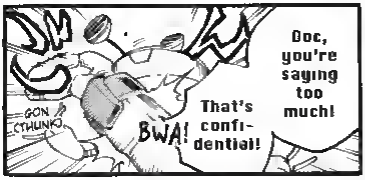
HEADLINES, ANIMAL HEAD KILLINGS, A DAYTIME FAMILY SLAUGHTER?

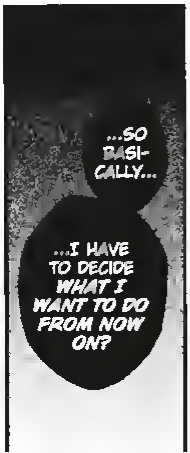
CUT THE CRAP.
...YOU DON'T FEEL SORRY FOR HIM, DO YOU...?
...AKUTA...
...WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING ON *DOING WITH* THAT RED-HEADED KID?
...I JUST TOOK A LIKING TO HIM.
ZARA (TUMBLE)

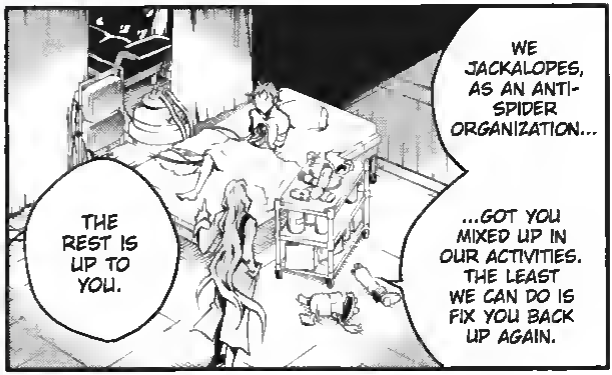
DID YOU DROP A NORMAL SET OF ARMS AND LEGS?
OR WAS IT THESE GOLDEN ONES?
UM, YOUKOU KAKUJOU-KUN.
Hum...
???
OH, I'M THE DOCTOR-CUM-TECHNICIAN FOR THE JACKALOPES! ☆
BY THE WAY, I'M A GENIUS! ☆
...
And a pervert.
THAT'S THE HELPER ROBOT I MADE OUT OF SCRAP METAL.☆
SO...
...THIS IS A SUPER-LIGHT LIMB MADE FROM SYNTHETICS AND PLASTIC.
BUT THERE'S A TWO-TO-FOUR PERCENT ERROR IN THE NERVE CONNECTIONS
THIS IS A VINTAGE DESIGN. YOU CAN ADD ON UP TO TWENTY FINGERS.
SO IT'S REALLY POPULAR WITH MECHANICS ESPECIALLY IN SILVER.
THIS COMES LOADED WITH THIRTY DIFFERENT FLORAL SCENTS AND AMMONIA FOR DRIVING OFF GROPERS.
IT'S A SUPER POPULAR MATCH WITH YOUNG WOMEN

...HUH
OH... YOU DON'T LIKE ANY OF THEM?
HUM?
ZARA (TUMBLR)
GPS AND TRACKER-JAMMING TYPES FOR CRIMINAL USE!
ATHLETE TYPES, SELF-DECONTAMINATING DETOX TYPES.
AND I HAVE ALL SORTS OF ARTIFICIAL HEARTS TOO!
THIS ONE HAS AN EROTIC MODE BUILT INTO IT. IT'S THE PERFECT MODEL FOR LOSING YOUR VIRGINITY!
Your true colors are showing, Doc.
TAG 18+
.....!
...BUT YOU'VE ALREADY SEEN THE RISKS INHERENT IN SPECIALIZED ORGANIC ARTIFICIAL LIMBS LIKE THE ONES FROM AMENOTORI, HAVEN'T YOU?
THOUGH IF YOU DO TURN INTO A SPIDER, WE'LL DO YOU THE FAVOR OF KILLING YOU.
OH!
OR...

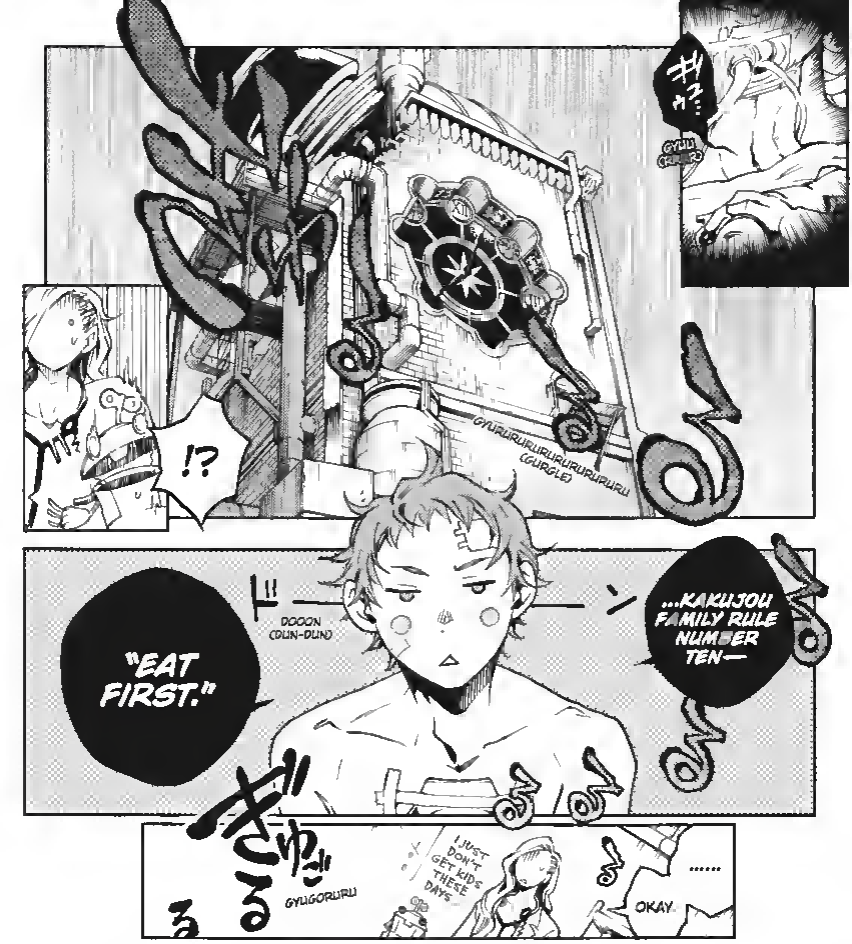
...WOULD YOU RATHER HAVE GEARS, THE SPECIAL BATTLE-CAPABLE LIMBS, LIKE AKUTA AND THE OTHERS HAVE?


GON CTHUNK!
BWA!
That's confi-dential!
Doc, you're saying too much!


...SO BASI-CALLY...
...I HAVE TO DECIDE WHAT I WANT TO DO FROM NOW ON?


WE JACKALOPES, AS AN ANTI-SPIDER ORGANIZATION...
...GOT YOU MIXED UP IN OUR ACTIVITIES. THE LEAST WE CAN DO IS FIX YOU BACK UP AGAIN.
THE REST IS UP TO YOU.

NOW THAT BOTH MY ARMS, A LEG, MY HEART, MY HOME, MY ONLY FAMILY, AND THE THE ENTIRE WORLD AS I KNEW IT HAVE BEEN DESTROYED?
NIKO (SMILE)
LOSING EVERYTHING MEANS THAT YOU'RE COMPLETELY FREE NOW.
AND BEING FREE MEANS A NEVER-ENDING BALL OF HURT.
SO...
...WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

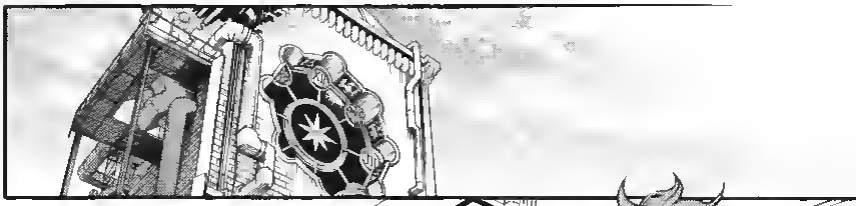

GYULI
GYURURURURURURURURURU
(GURGLE)
!?
DOOON
(DUN-DUN)
"EAT FIRST."
...KAKUJOU FAMILY RULE NUMBER TEN—
GYUGORURU
I JUST DON'T GET KIDS THESE DAYS
.....
OKAY.

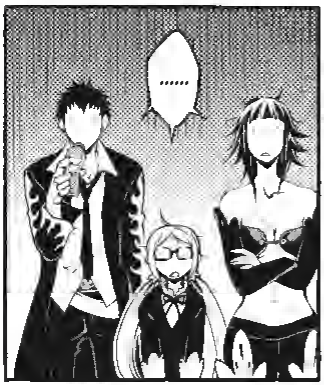
OKAY...
NOW WHAT?
POLICE
JUST ONE SHOT LEFT?
GASHA (KA-CHAK)
GEEZ!
WHAT A WASTE OF BULLETS!
SHIT.
GON (THAK)
NU (LOOM)

...BUT I'VE ONLY HAD TWO BEERS
IT'D BE REALLY GREAT IF I WAS JUST SEEING THINGS
ZUSHIN CTHULIO
HA HA
...GET KILLED, OR KILL MYSELF FIRST.
EITHER WAY, IT WAS A REALLY LAME LIFE.

click.
BEEP
DONE TAKING CARE OF THE SPIDERS?
...Yeah, somehow.
06
AKUTA'S GEARS COULD'VE TAKEN CARE OF THIS IN ONE SHOT.
HEY, YOU KNOW THE COMPRESSION RATIO OF AKUTA'S METAL GEARS?
HE SAID IT'S OVER SIXTY-SIX POUNDS!
HUH!?
HOW DOES HE EVEN LIVE WITH THAT..?
SIGN LOOK OUT FOR DEER

GI
(CREAK)

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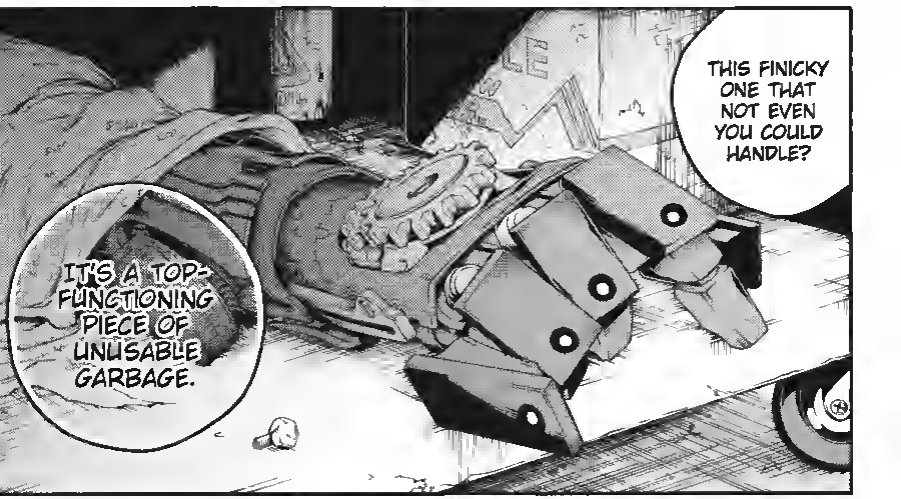
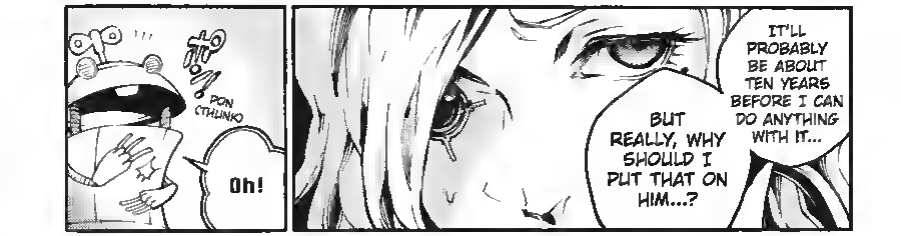
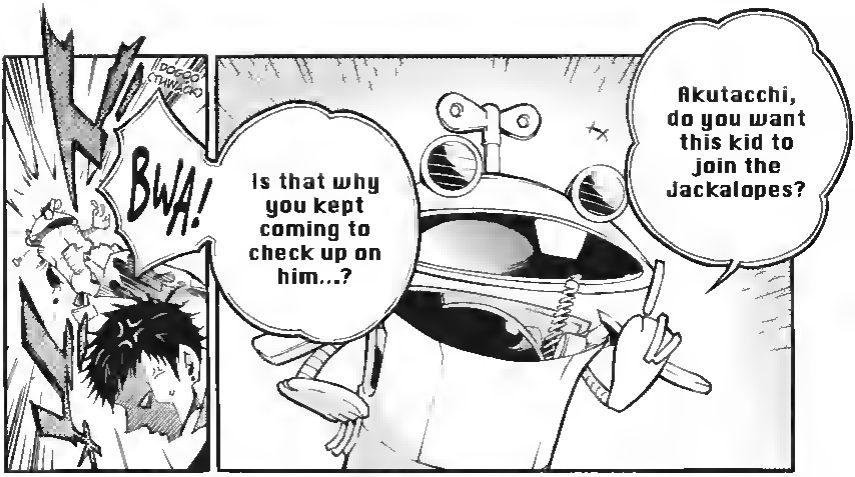
I REALLY DON'T OWE YOU ANY-THING?
OF COURSE NOT
ARE YOU SURE...YOU'RE REALLY ALL RIGHT WITH THOSE BARELY-FUNCTIONAL SCRAP LIMBS?

...WELL, THANKS FOR EVERYTHING.
GASHOON
(CLANK)

BOTTLE CONDENSED MILK






BWA!
Is that why you kept coming to check up on him...?
Akutacchi, do you want this kid to join the Jackalopes?

YOU HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH REASON TO HATE US. YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO BE ONE OF US... WOULD YOU?
...WE DID KILL YOUR SISTER.
WELL...

...WAS SMILING.
HUH!? THEN THAT MEANS ...?
...BUT MIRAI...
WELL, I DO TAKE ISSUE WITH YOU WEARING SHOES IN MY HOUSE..
HM? I DON'T HATE YOU GUYS.

...BUT I NEVER EVEN CONSIDERED JOINING...
...THIS JACKA-WHATSIT THING OF YOURS.
YOU'RE NOT PROPER HUMANS.
...BESIDES, I JUST DON'T LIKE YOU IN PARTICULAR.
.....
HA!
OKAY.
GAN CTHLINK

...FAREWELL, LAME BOY.
INSTEAD OF SUCH A DAMN LAME LIFE...

...I...
HMM...
I DO THINK HE'S A WEIRD ONE THOUGH.
I JUST CAN'T GET A READ ON HIM.
...DID YOU LIKE ABOUT HIM?
...WHAT...
ALIKE? ...YOU AND HIM?
BUT THAT'S JUST...
!!!
(BEEP)
WELL, HE'S EITHER ALL IN OR ALL OUT.
...WE'RE A LOT ALIKE.
HOW EASY HE IS TO FIGURE OUT, I GUESS?
HOW SO!?
Emergency!! All personnel, equip your communicators!
A Spider is approaching!!
BEEP
BEEP

The Spider has taken down one of our irregular forces.
It's invaded the slum about a mile away!
All Jackalopes, arm your Gears!!
BEEP
?
哎哟! (OW!)
Coward!
逃跑! (RUN!)
THAT SPIDER...
...WAS A TWIN! I LOOKED IT UP, AND...
HAFF!
HFF!
DAM-MIT...
WE'RE BEING TAILED...
DOKYA (SMASH)
!?
WHAT THE!?

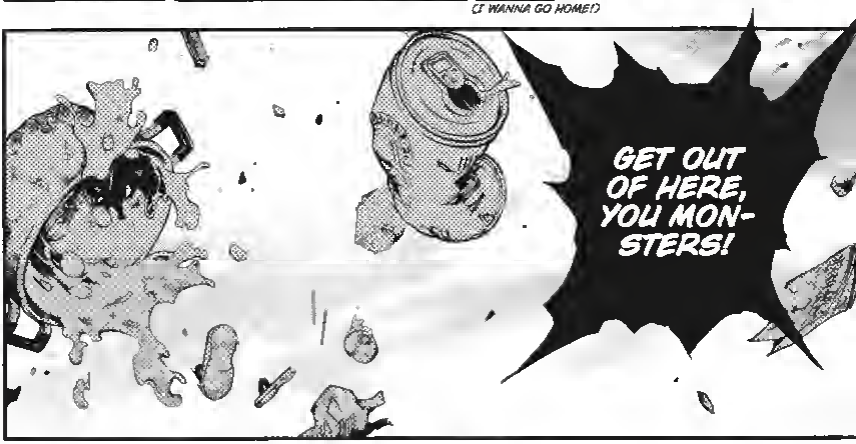
...THEY USED TO BE SIAMESE TWI—
—NS.

EEEEK!
A...
A MON-STER...!
THAT'S ONE OF THOSE SPIDERS...
HEY, CALL THE COPS—
IF WE COULD COUNT ON THEM TO DO ANYTHING, WE WOULDN'T BE LIVING IN THE SLUMS, DUMBASS!
KING
SHING
MROW!
MRRR
WWO

LOOK OUT...!
DAMMIT, I'M NOT GONNA MAKE IT...
GAGYAN (LAUGH)

P1 (FLIP)
OW...
THAT REALLY DID SOME DAMAGE ...!
...!
A CATS
...UGH.

GAGO CHUNG
OW!
GET LOST!!
ANOTHER MONSTER? DAMMIT...!
NOW THERE ARE BLACK DEMONS ...!?
!?
WHAT THE HELL IS WITH THEIR ARMS AND LEGS...?
我想回家!
(I WANNA GO HOME!)


GET OUT OF HERE, YOU MONSTERS!

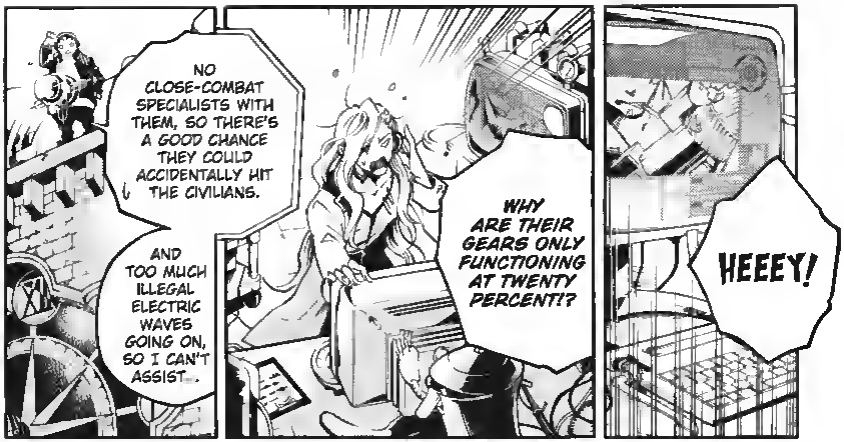
...HEY.
WHAT ARE YOU STILL DOING HERE?
BEEHA (SPLAT)
ARGH.
WHAT A FUCKING DUMP.

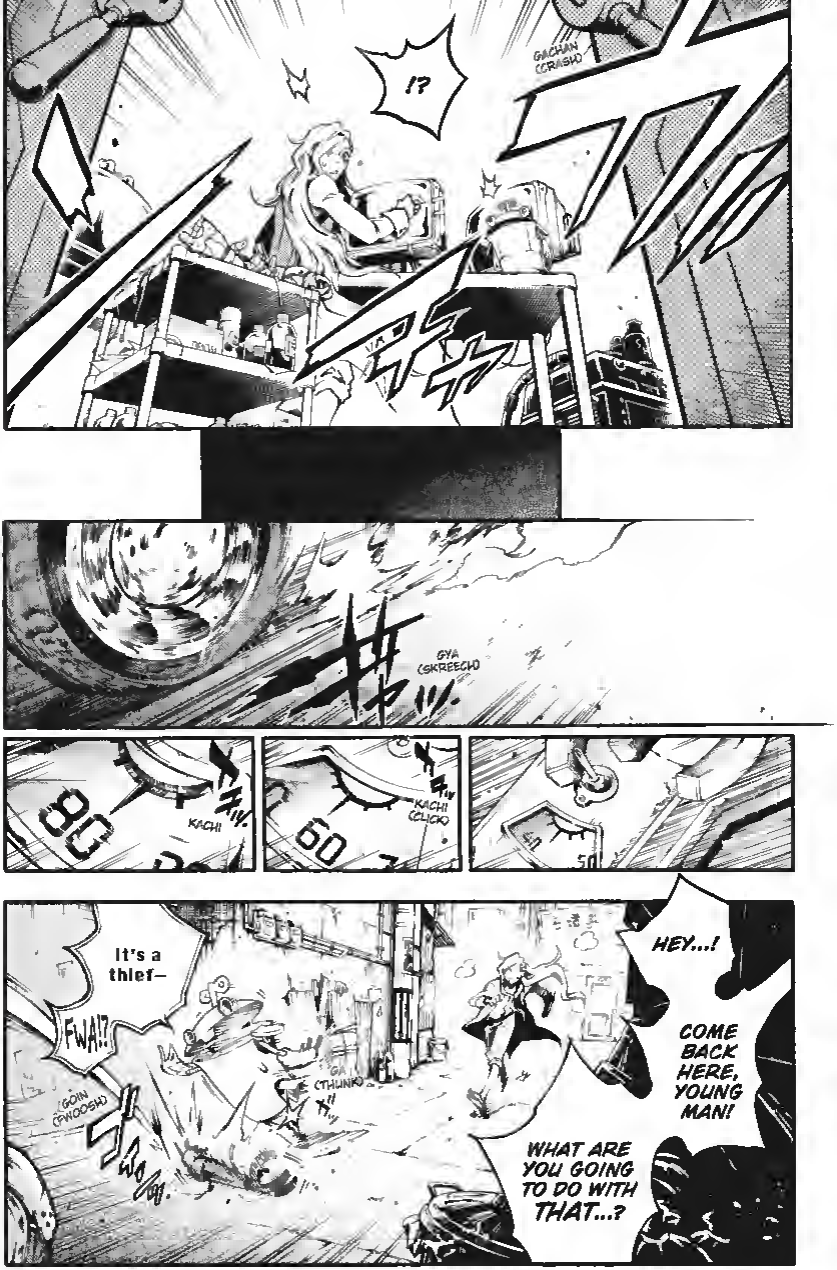
YOU'RE IN THE WAY.
JUST GO BACK TO YOUR PROPER HUMAN WORLD ALREADY, RED.
FOR ME...
...INSTEAD OF DYING LIKE A HUMAN...

...I CHOSE TO LET THE DAMNED MONSTER EAT MY ENTIRE ARM JUST TO GET OFF A SHOT.
...AND I WANTED TO LET LOOSE ANOTHER HUNDRED SHOTS...
RAKIN
CRACK

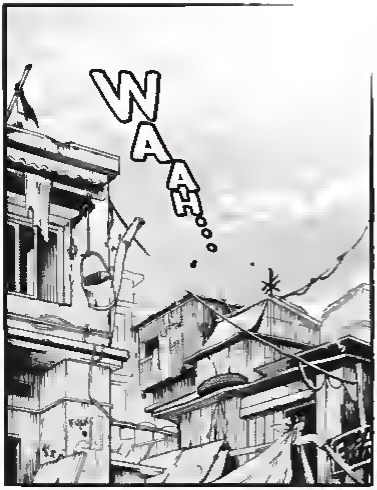
...SO I JUST HAD TO BECOME EITHER A DEMON OR A MONSTER.
...AHH.

THIS OLD FART...
...REALLY DOES PISS ME OFF...


NO CLOSE-COMBAT SPECIALISTS WITH THEM, SO THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE THEY COULD ACCIDENTALLY HIT THE CIVILIANS.
AND TOO MUCH ILLEGAL ELECTRIC WAVES GOING ON, SO I CAN'T ASSIST...
WHY ARE THEIR GEARS ONLY FUNCTIONING AT TWENTY PERCENT!?
HEEEY!


!?
GACHAN (CRASH)
GYA (SKREECH)
KACHI
KACHI (CLICK)
It's a thief–
FWA!?
(GOIN (WHOOSH)
GA (THUNK)
HEY...!
COME BACK HERE, YOUNG MAN!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THAT...?

Huh?
WE'RE...
MONSTERS
.....
KAKUJOU FAMILY RULE NUMBER SEVENTY-SIX—


WAAH...

RAWR!
BASHIN (FWOOSH)

...I'M BETTING ON THE BLACK DEMONS!
PULL IT TOGETHER!
RAAH
THEN ...
ALL RIGHT, I'M IN FOR THE CAT MONSTER!

YOU'RE INJURED, SO NO.
YOU'LL MESS UP YOUR OWN BODY.
HFF!
THOSE SPECTATORS ARE WAY TOO TOUGH!
CAN I SET MY GEARS AT FULL POWER?

"LYING PISSES ME OFF"!
CLick!

SO PA-THETIC.
GAH! (THUNK)
!?
WAH!
SON! (THUD)
GYA (SKREECH)
YOU CAN'T EVEN HIT A LITTLE CAT?
DON'T DO IT, YOUNG MAN!
There he...
BFF!
...!??
YOU... WHY DID YOU COME BACK...?

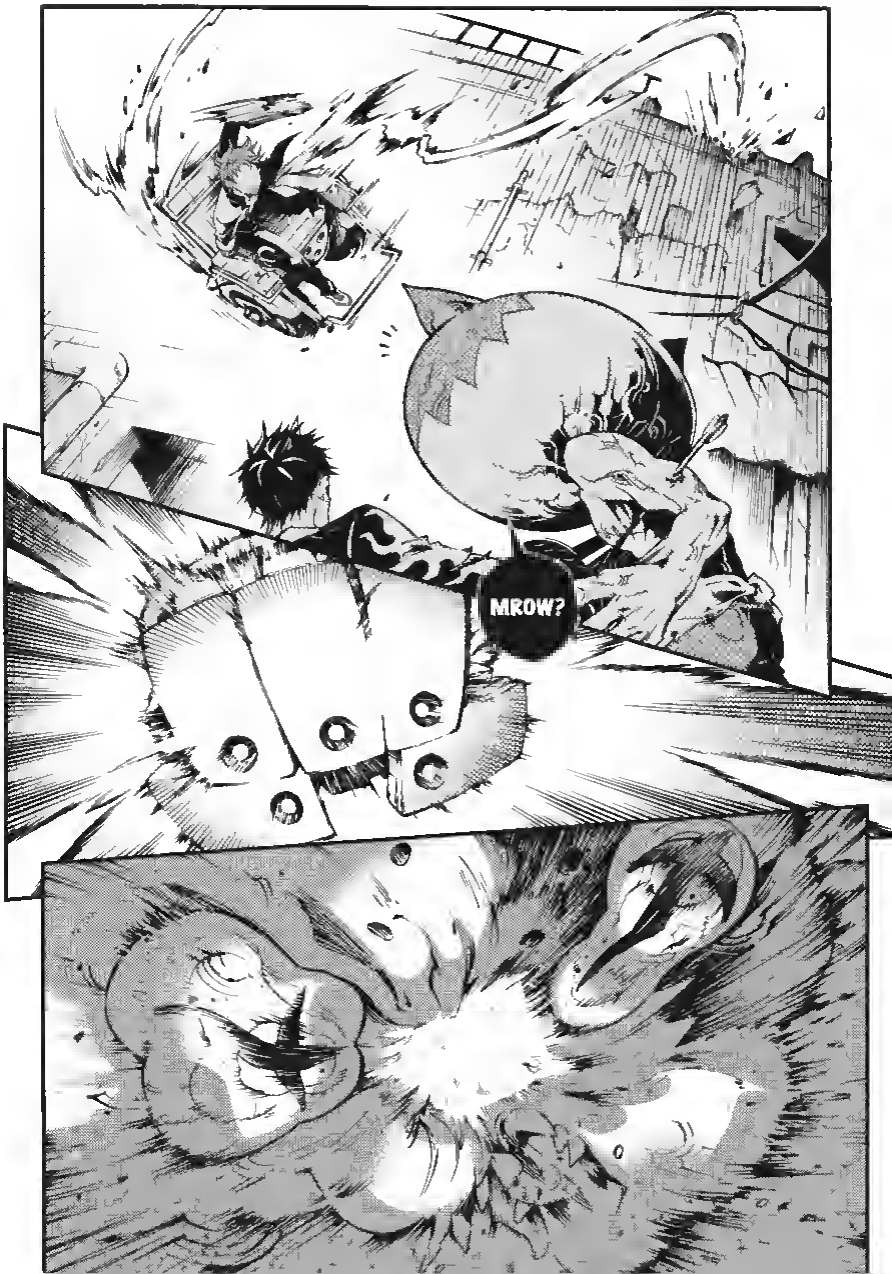
NGH...!
BUCHI (POP)
BEKIN (CREAK)
BEGO (CRUNCH)
BUCH
RRGH!
AAAAAH!
DO (THUD)
BAGIN (SNAP)
GUN (WHUMP)
BACHI (SNAP)
WAAAH!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING!?
DO YOU WANT TO GET YOURSELF RIPPED APART!?
JUST HOW MASOCHISTIC CAN YOU BE!?

TAKE IT OFF BEFORE THE ENTIRE ORGANIZATION GETS KILLED!
YOUR NERVES HAVEN'T BEEN TUNED FOR IT! I HAVEN'T SHAPED YOUR MUSCLES! DON'T JUST PLUG IT IN LIKE THAT!
BESIDES, IF YOU COULD JUST DO THAT...
...THEN THERE WOULD BE NO NEED—
.....!
—FOR ME...
...DROPPED THE BALL!
.....
...YOU... GUYS...

WOULD A MONSTER PROTECT ME?
Click
Click
WOULD A MONSTER PROTECT OTHER PEOPLE AND GET COVERED IN GARBAGE FOR IT?

...I DON'T AGREE WITH WHAT YOU SAID!
BUT I DO AGREE WITH WHAT YOU DO!
SO...

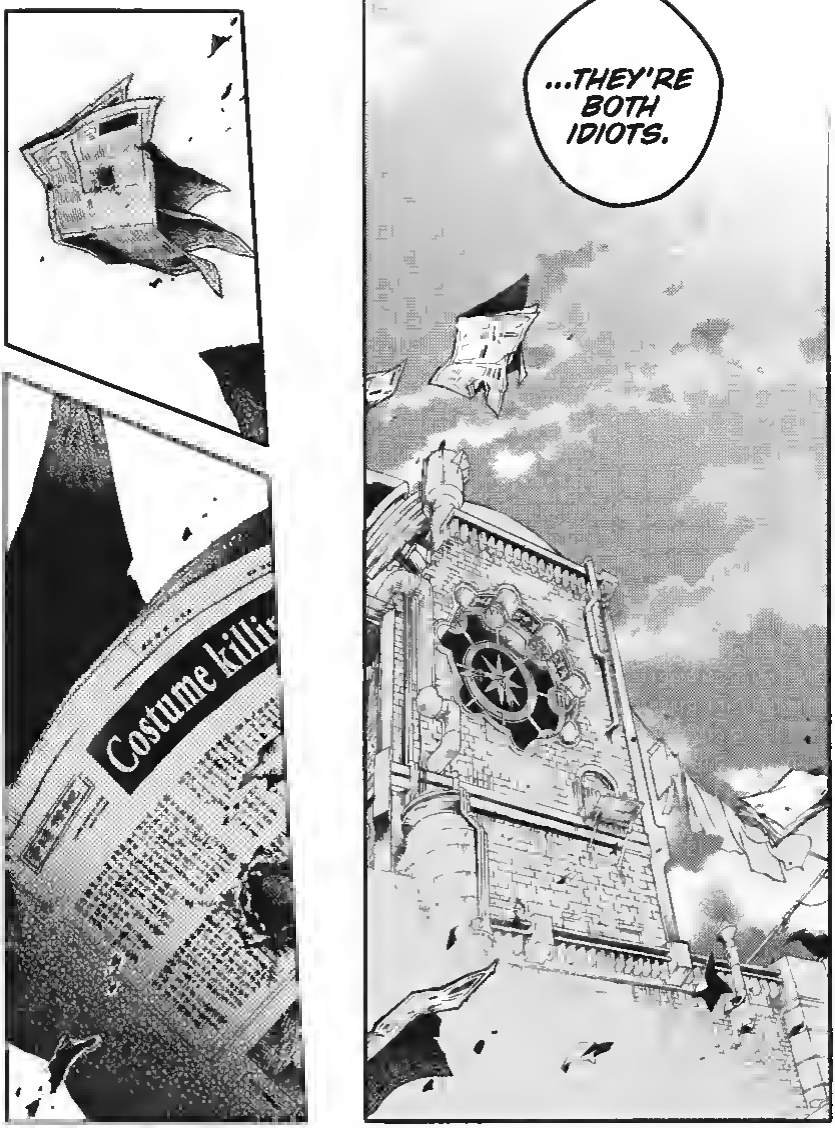
...I CHOOSE TO BECOME A HUMAN WITH THE POWER OF A MONSTER!
MAX
KACHI (CLICK)
GACHIN (CLICK)
SO CHOOSE

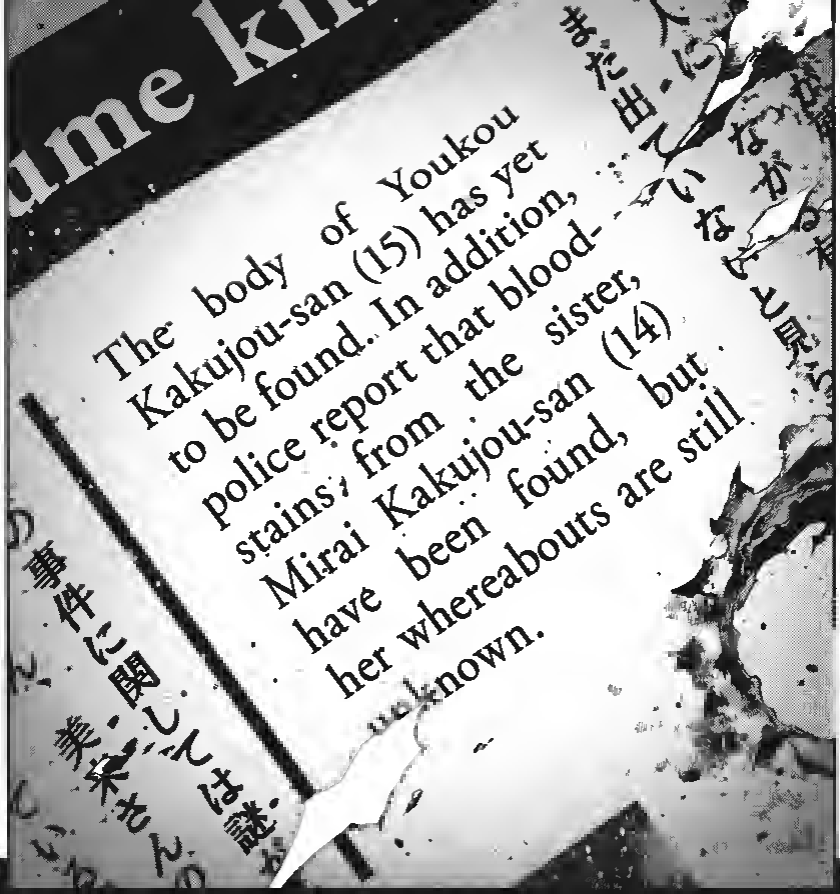

MROW?

BEEP
DOOOM (FWOOM)
!?
EVERY-ONE OKAY?
WHAT WAS THAT!?
EH!?!? I LOST THE SPIDER'S SIGNAL...

GARA (CLATTER)
...SO.
KOFF!
KOFF!
...YEAH.
EVERYTHING'S PRETTY MUCH FINE, EXCEPT FOR OUR EAR-DRUMS ..

...WHO'S THE MONSTER?
...AND WHO'S THE HUMAN?
Gears!?
Huh!? Whose?
...OH.
THE NEWEST JACKA-LOPE.
!?
THEY ARE A LOT ALIKE.


...THEY'RE BOTH IDIOTS.
Costume killi


The body of Youkou Kakujou-san (15) has yet to be found. In addition, police report that blood-stains from the sister, Mirai Kakujou-san (14) have been found, but her whereabouts are still unknown.

Clack

THE WORLD IS DEAD,
THE PARADE WILL START.

JINSEI KATAOKA, KAZUMA KONDOU

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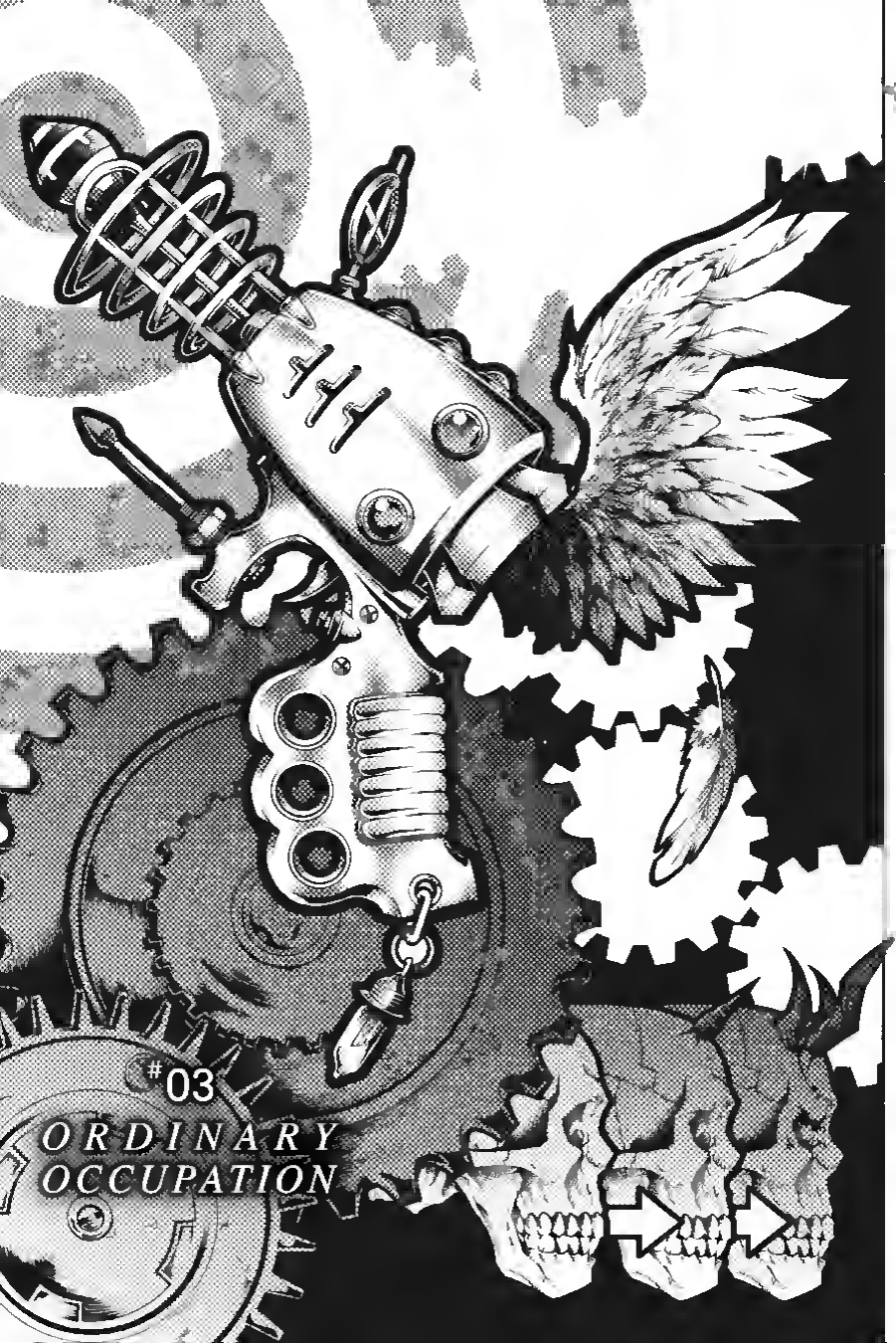

#03
ORDINARY
OCCUPATION

BUILDING: ANGEL FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY
エンゼル友愛会
ANGEL & LOVE
PARA
(FLUTTER)

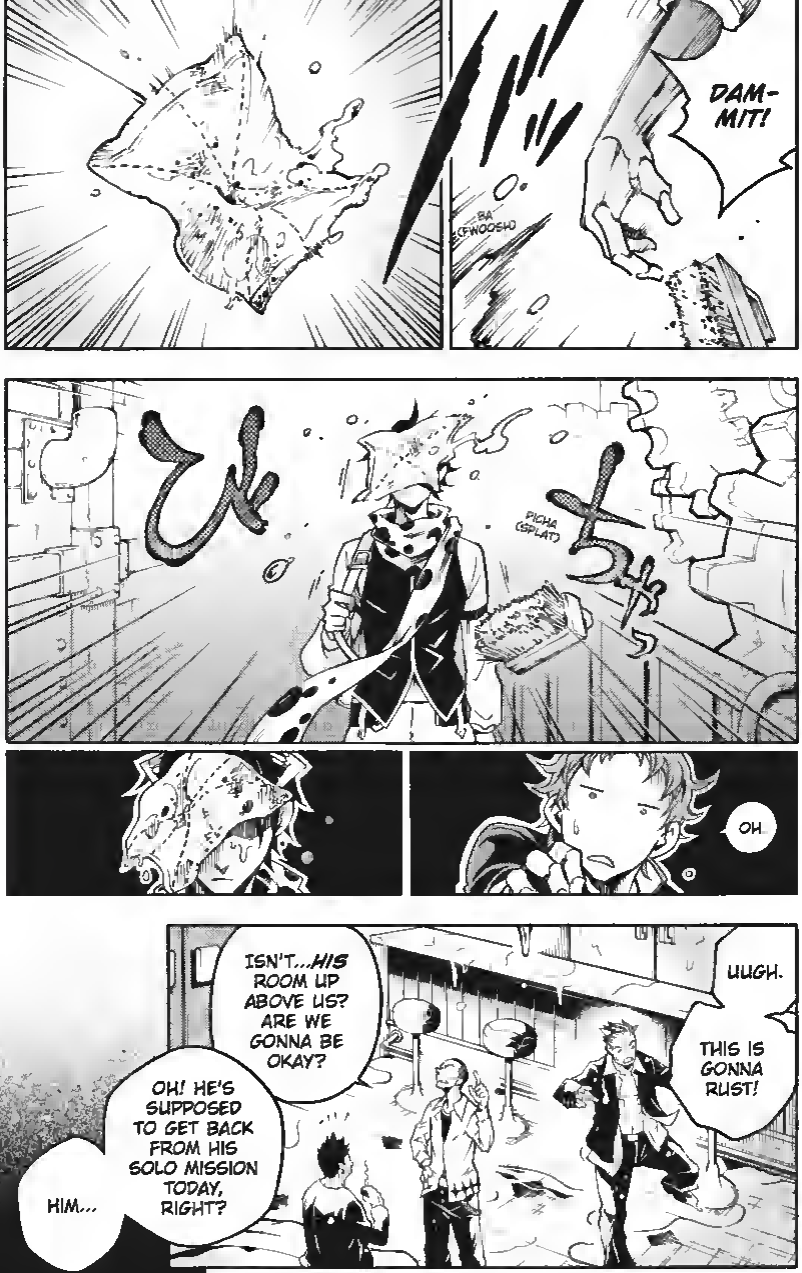
OOOO (RAAAA!)
OHH...!
A GOLDEN FEATHER!
IT'S THE FATHER'S HAND OF BLESSING.
IT'S A MIRA-CLE!
YOU HAVE BEEN CLEANSED OF SIN.
THIS IS PROOF THAT THE ANGELS ARE WITH YOU.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH, YARMIDER-SAMA!
WAAAA (CLAMOR)
OHH...

WHAT IS WRONG WITH THESE BELIEVERS?
A MERE FIFTY THOUSAND YEN IN TITHE FOR THE ANGELS!?
BASA (THUD)
PRIVATE
RRGH...
DOSA (THUD)
BUTSU (MUTTER)
BUTSU
THIS ISN'T EVEN ENOUGH TO PAY FOR THE BRAIN-WASHING DRUGS!
CYANKO

Gold is the only thing that makes me feel blessed!
AHH!
I want to be blessed...

POTA (DRIP)
POTATA
WAH!
ZURU (SLIP)
BISHA (SPLASH)
MY STEAM COOKER'S SHORTED OUUUT!
BOSHUU (FSSHH)
WHOA!
MY BRAND-NEW CORDOVAN BOOTS!
WHAT THE? IS THE ROOF LEAKING?
HFF!
HFF!
Marry me!♡
Hkk!
HAA!
DOROORO (DRIBBLE)
HFF!

HAAH.
...HAAH.
I CAN'T DO THIS!
GISHI (CREAK)
GI (CREAK)
GI
GI
WHO COULD ACTUALLY MOVE WITH THESE PIECE OF SHIT ARMS AND LEGS!?
THESE GEARS ARE JUST WAY TOO HEAVY!
BOO!
BOO!
HEY, NEWBIE!
GET YOUR CLEANING ACT TOGETHER!
MY MELON SODA TASTES LIKE DISH-WATER!
GAHA (CLATTER)
BAGON! (CRASH)
SCREW THIS!
I'M DONE WITH BOTH REHAB AND CLEANING!


DAM-MIT!
BA-(FWOOSH)
PICHA (SPLAT)
OH.
UUGH.
THIS IS GONNA RUST!
ISN'T...HIS ROOM UP ABOVE US? ARE WE GONNA BE OKAY?
OH! HE'S SUPPOSED TO GET BACK FROM HIS SOLO MISSION TODAY, RIGHT?
HIM...

KOTOHARU.
A NEWCOMER DOING REHAB...?
YOU WERE BLOWING OFF YOUR REHAB.
WHICH MEANS THAT YOU WERE BLOWING OFF LIVING IN GENERAL.
I—
I SAID I'M SORRY!

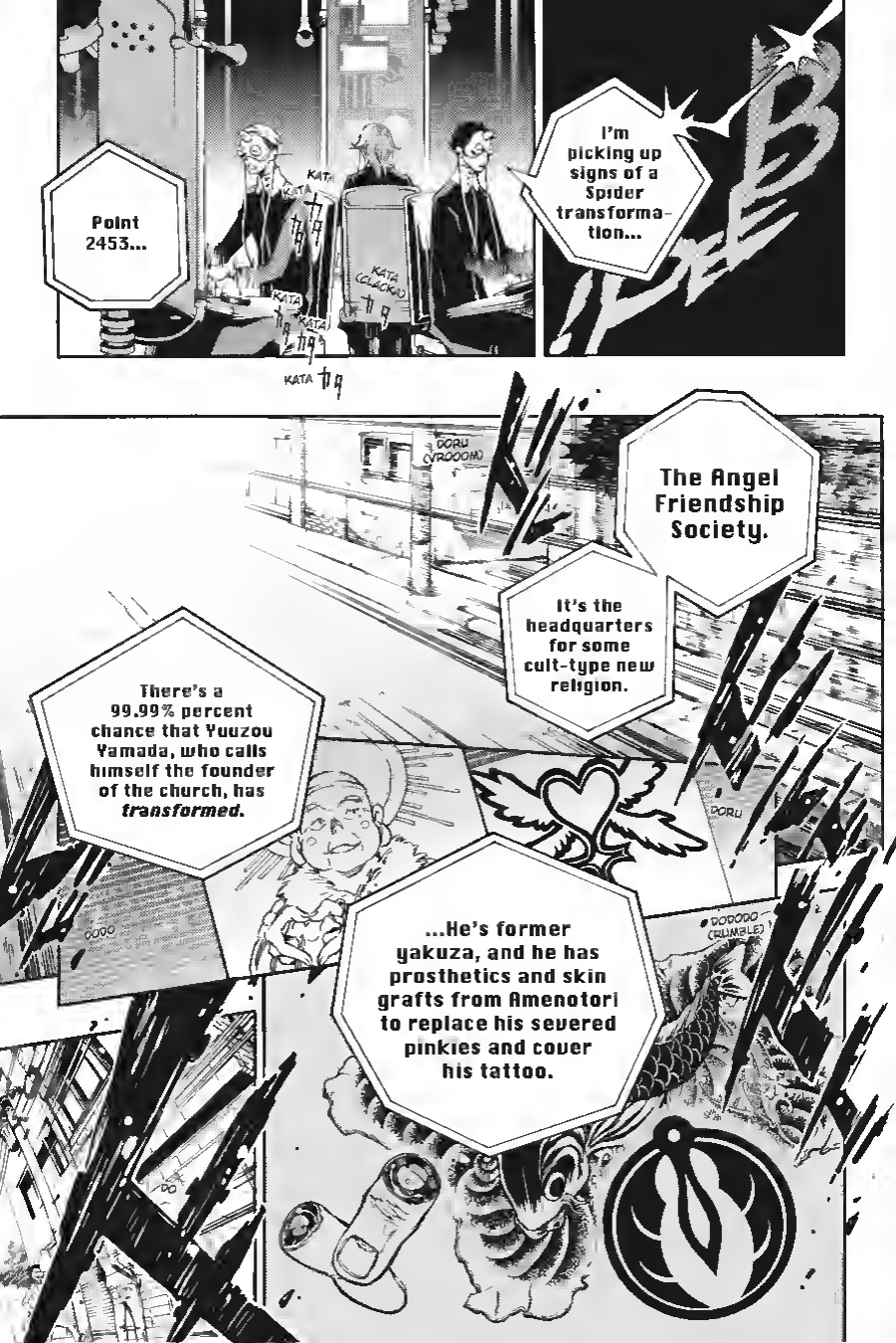
GIN (SHING)
THEN THAT MEANS IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT I KILL YOU.
YOU...ARE GUILTY.
BATAN (OPEN)
OH?
CONTAINER: VANILLA RED BEAN
AKUTA-NII!
ARE YOU WELL?
ABOUT THAT THING YOU ASKED ME TO BRING BACK FOR YOU...
MUCHA (MUNCH)
MUCHA
KOTOHARU!
ARE YOU AND RED ALL BUDDY-BUDDY ALREADY?

AWWW.
FOR REAL?
I GOT YOU SOME HONEY NECTAR COOKIE CHOCOLATES INSTEAD
THE BROWN SUGAR PUDDING WAS ALL OUT OF STOCK
BECHA (SPLAT)
HUH?
...THE HELL WAS THAT?
...WHO WAS THAT?
THE RED-HEADED NEWBIE?
PIKU CTWITCH
AKUTA-SAN TOOK A LIKING TO HIM...
...AND DRAGGED HIM BACK FROM A JOB.

PERA (RABBLE)
LET'S SEE...
HIS SISTER TURNED INTO A SPIDER...AND THEN THERE WAS THE STUFF WITH HIS ARMS AND LEG, AND...
PERA
.....
WELL, YOUKOU-KUN...HAD A REEEALLY ROUGH TIME OF IT.
AKUTA-NII DID...?
MISHI (SQUEAK)
PRIVATE
AHHN!
AHH!
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS, YARMIDER-SAMA?
IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE ASSEMBLY YOU KNOW.

YOU GIRLS ARE SPECIAL.
AFTER ALL...
...YOU HAVE BEAUTIFUL TEETH.
PIKI (POP)
FATHER YAR-MIDER.
WE'RE DONE DISSEMINATING THE BRAIN-WASHING DRUGS IN THE HALL.
YOU CAN START THE BLESSINGS AT any TIME.
...AHH...
!?
?
PIKIKI (SMACK)

I WANT TO BE BLESSED! ¥
BUHIN! (SNORT)
BOGIN (CRUNCH)
BECHIN (SNAP)
BEEP


Point 2453...
KATA
KATA
KATA (CLACK)
KATA
KATA
KATA
I'm picking up signs of a Spider transformation...
BLEEP
DORU (VROOOM)
The Angel Friendship Society.
It's the headquarters for some cult-type new religion.
There's a 99.99% percent chance that Yuuzou Yamada, who calls himself the founder of the church, has *transformed*.
DORU
DOOO
DOOOOO (RUMBLE)
...He's former yakuza, and he has prosthetics and skin grafts from Amenotori to replace his severed pinkies and cover his tattoo.

...There have been nasty rumors of bankrupt and missing believers for some time now...
...OHH?
DORU CYRRRRRM
DODO (RMBL)
NOT BAD.

エンジェルラブ
ANGEL'S LOVE
WE CAN LET LOOSE...
...AND JUST DO THE USUAL.
GAKON (CLUNK)
DO (WHOOSH)

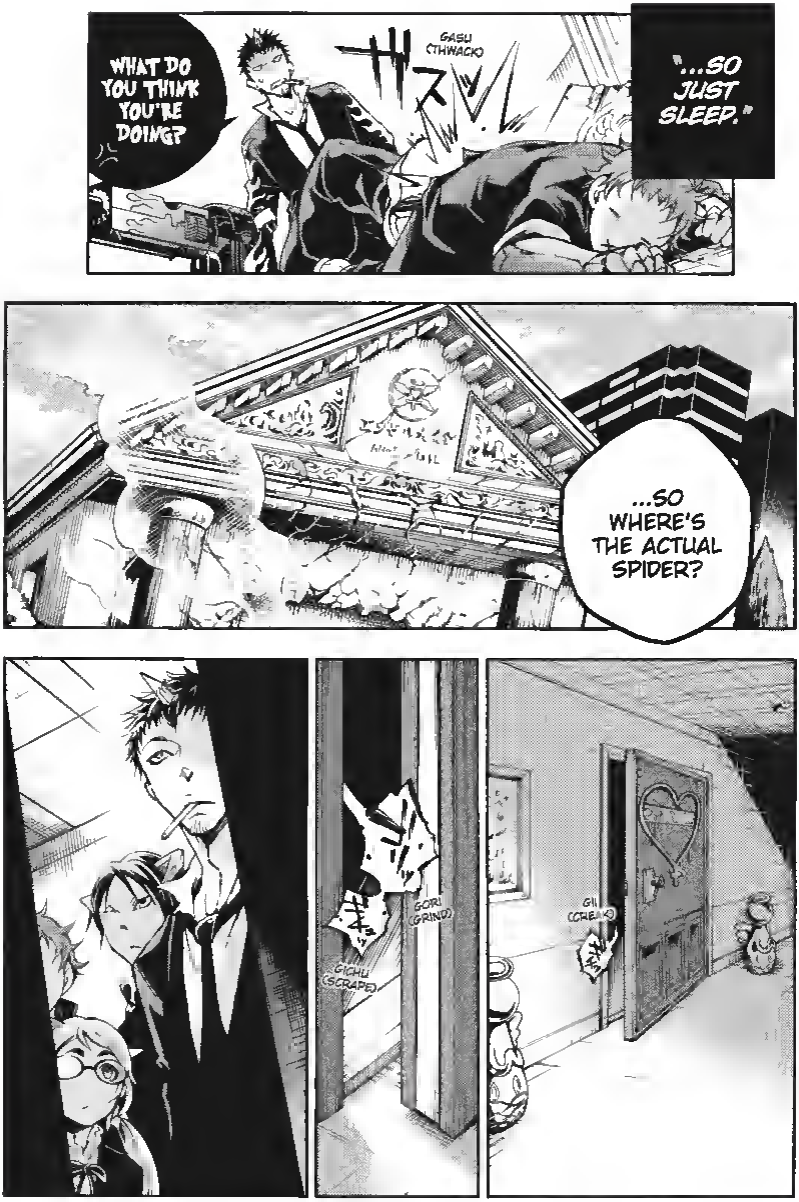
HE'S JUST A NORMAL SPIDER THAT WE CAN SLAUGHTER!
SZAK (THUD)
DOOON (BOOOM)

LET'S ROLL, JACKALOPES!

...HMPH...
HUH?
YOU'RE A JACKALOPE, AREN'T YOU?
YOU CAN OBSERVE WHAT A NORMAL JOB IS LIKE.
I CAN BARELY MOVE
WHY DID I HAVE TO COME...?
GURA (WOBBLE)
"HMPH"...? COME ON!
I'M THE ONE WHO COULD USE A BREAK HERE, YOU KNOW.
PIKU (TWITCH)
GARA (CLUNCH)
YOU LOT, PROTECT THE FATHER!!
GARA (CLATTER)
T—
TERROR-ISTS!?
HAIL YAR-MIDER!!
YES!!

ZUDA (SHHHK)
PA (SHOONK)
DAN
-RARARA (TAT-TAT-TAT)
GO (WHUD)

WE'RE...THE JACKALOPES.


WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
GASU (THWACK)
"...SO JUST SLEEP."
...SO WHERE'S THE ACTUAL SPIDER?
GICHU (SCRAPE)
SORI (GRIND)
GI (CREAK)

GORI
GORI (GRIND)
FOUND ANOTHER ONE!
FOUND IT! ♡
BUHHH (OINK)
A GOLD TOOTH! ¥
ZOKU (SHUDDER)
...!
HM?

WHO'S THERE...?
THIS WON'T DO!
IF YOU TAKE ONE STEP INTO MY GOLDEN ROOM OF SWEETS...
JAKIN (KA-CHAK)

MY GOLDEN DAVID!?
BUHH (SQUEAL)
DOGONN (SMASH)

BUHH
MY KAKIEMON VASE!
PAGIN (CRACK)

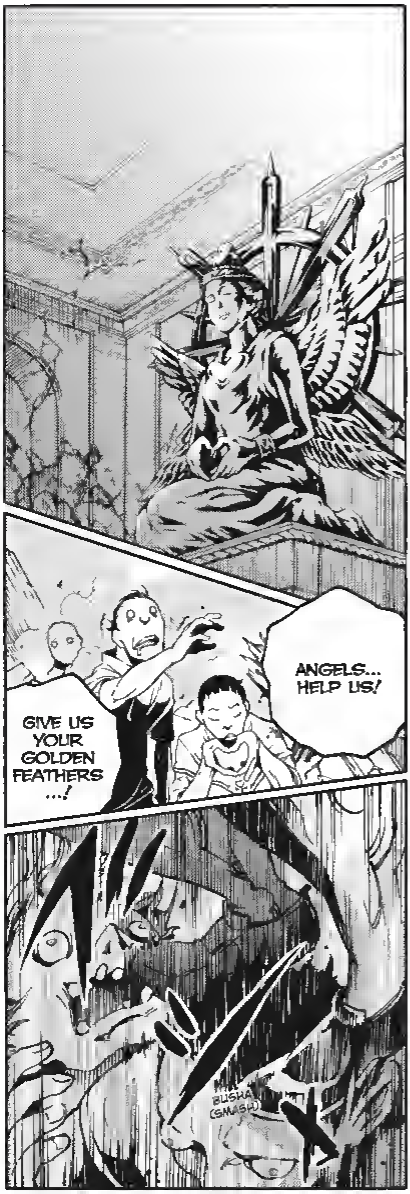
BUHH2
SUPAN (SLASH)
MY PABLO DIEGO JOSE FRANSISCO DE PAULA JUAN NEPOMUCENO MARIA DE LOS REMEDIOS CIPRIANO DE LA SANTISIMA TRINIDAD RUIZ Y PICASSO!!

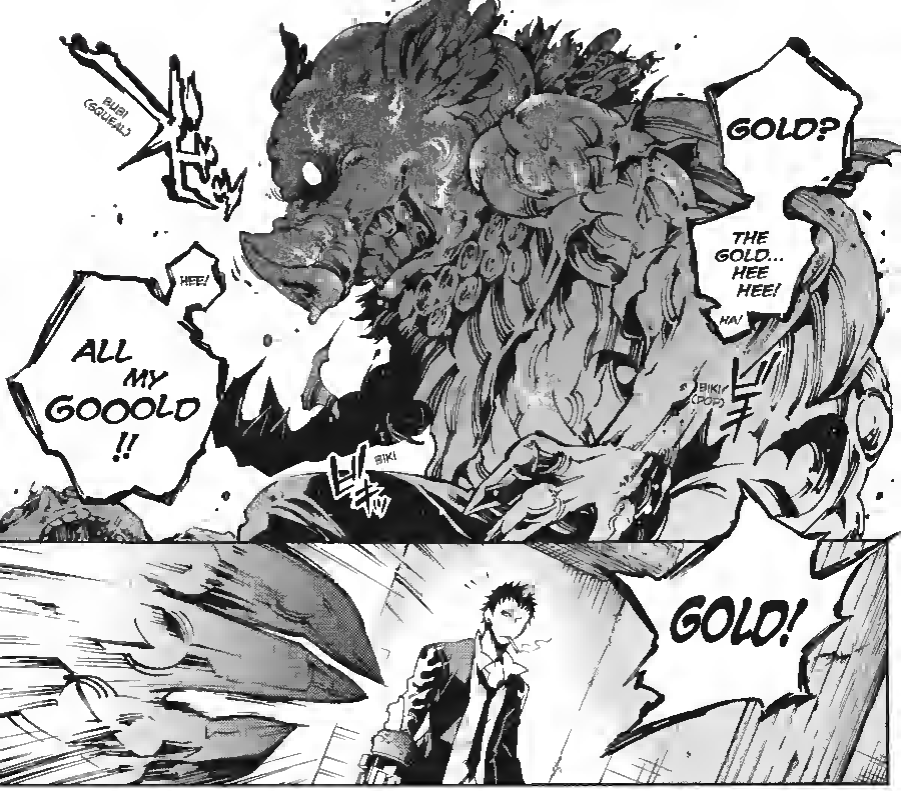
GOGO (RUMBLE)
ENOUGH WITH ALL THAT MUTTERING, YOU DAMNED PIG!
I'LL MINCE YOU UP IN A CESSPOOL AND FEED YOU A SAUSAGE MADE FROM YOUR OWN INTESTINES!
I HAD TO COME OUT HERE AND MISS BIG SIS MIDARI'S SHOWER TIME BECAUSE OF YOU!
MISH!
MISH! (CRE.)
HEEEY.
YOUR REAL VOICE IS COMING OUT, MATSUGO.
DAMMIT!
CADRE, CAN'T YOU EVEN PROTECT MY PRECIOUS GOLD!?
DOTA (CTHULU?)
DOTA
BUHHH
F-FATHER!?
WH-WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOUR BODY?
!?
IT'S ALL THEIR FAULT!
THEY EVEN KILLED MY FEMALE FOLLOWERS!
GA (GRAB)
!

IF YOU DON'T CHANGE YARMIDER-SAMA BACK, I'LL KILL THIS ONE!
TERRORIST DEVILS!
EVEN IF YOU DO, I'LL KILL HIM ANYWAY!
ONE!
TWO!
GICHI (PRESS)
WHOA, SHIT...! WHY NOW, WHEN I CAN'T EVEN MOVE?
YOUKOU, WAS IT?
SLICE

YOU'RE IN THE WAY. YOU'RE HOLDING US BACK.
チ
CHIN (CLINK)
AND YOUR HEART TOO, RIGHT?
I HEARD YOUR STORY.
...HOW-EVER...
ZURU (SLIP)
GA (GRAB)
.....
LIKE I SAID! MY ARMS AND LEGS ARE STILL...!
YORO (STAGGER)

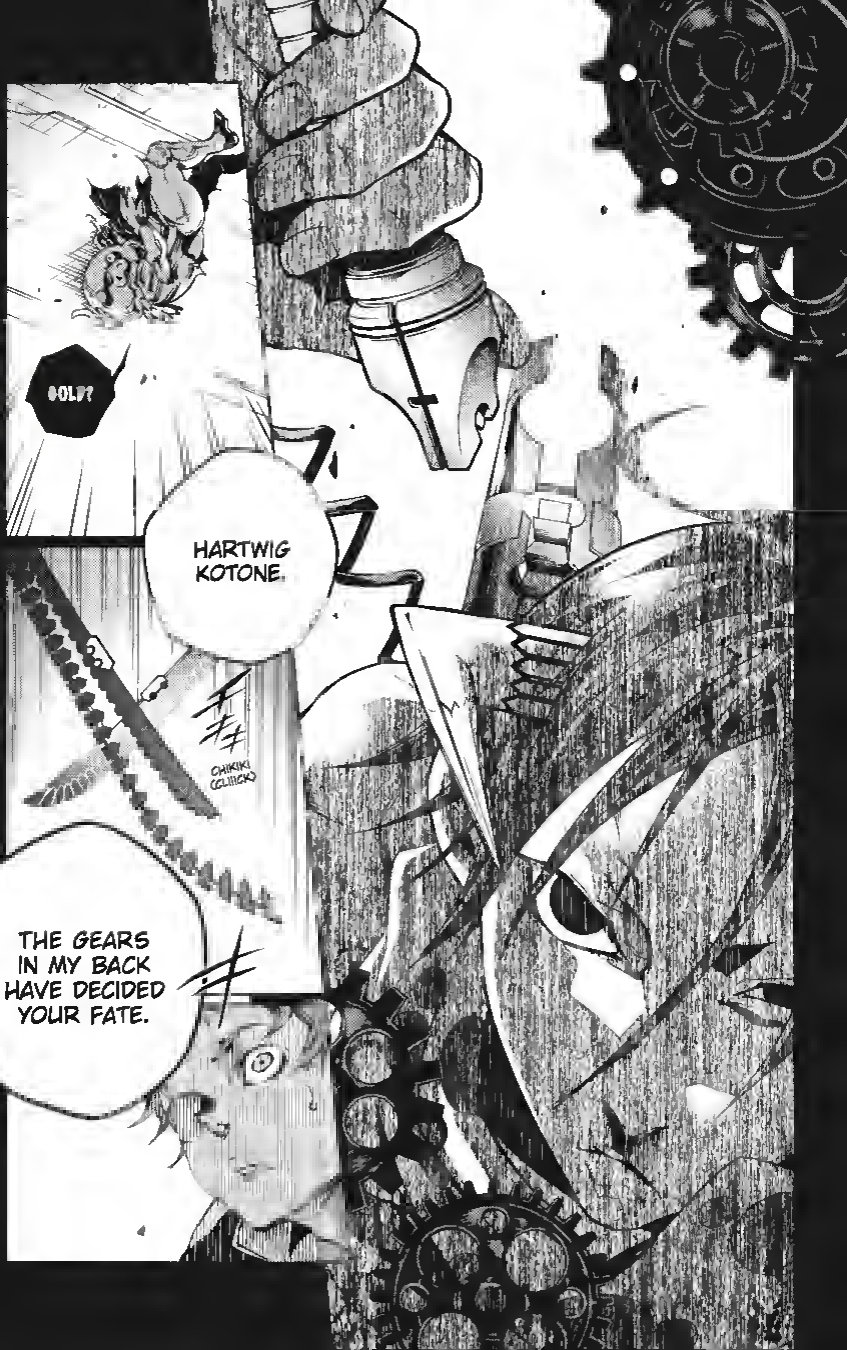
A SPOILED LITTLE BRAT LIKE YOU IS AN EYESORE.
WE'VE LOST OUR BODIES...
...ALL OF THE JACKALOPES ARE LIKE THAT.
...AND EVEN MORE. THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE.


ANGELS... HELP US!
GIVE US YOUR GOLDEN FEATHERS ...!
MU... (SMASH)


BUBU (SQUEAL)
HEE!
ALL MY GOOOLD !!
BIKI
BIKI (POP)
HA!
THE GOLD... HEE HEE!
GOLD?
GOLD!

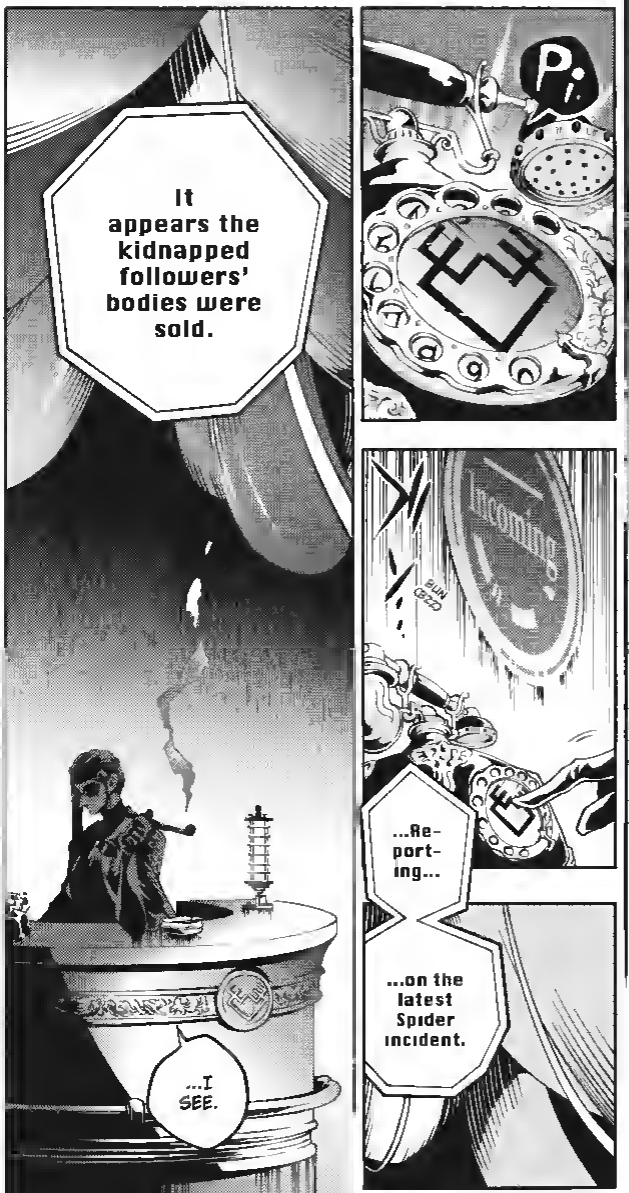
YOU LIKE GOLDEN STUFF...
...BUT WE WANT TO SEE THE COLOR OF YOUR FILTHY, STINKING BLOOD!
...RIGHT...
GAN (SMACK)
GOLD!
DON'T TOUCH ME, PIGMAN.
YOU REALLY WENT OFF THE DEEP END FAST WITH YOUR LOVE FOR BLING.

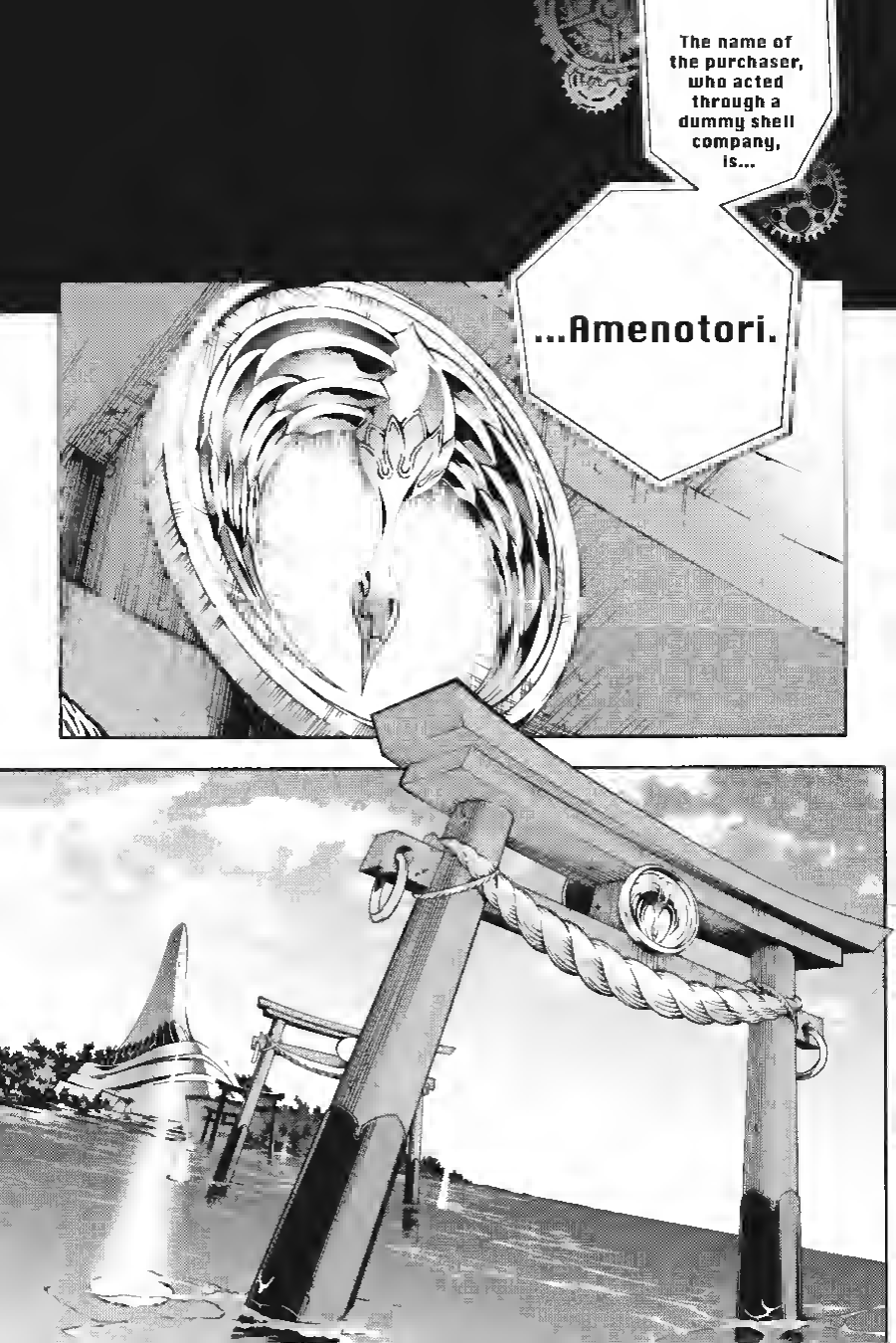
...KOTOHARU?
CLICK
CLACK


OOLF?
HARTWIG KOTONE.
CHIKIKI COLLISION
THE GEARS IN MY BACK HAVE DECIDED YOUR FATE.

YOU ARE GUILTY.
GOLD?
THIS IS YOUR PUNISH-MENT.

GAN GWAGO
.....
...!
GOOD JOB★
BACHIN CLICK
I WONDER IF BIG SIS MIDARI IS STILL IN THE SHOWER...
HUH? AKUTA-NII... HOW ARE WE GETTING BACK?
OH,
...
...THE TRAIN?


It appears the kidnapped followers' bodies were sold.
...I SEE.
Pi.
Incoming.
BUM (BZZZ)
...Re-port-ing...
...on the latest Spider incident.


The name of the purchaser, who acted through a dummy shell company, is...
...Amenotori.

WHAT?
GO (STOMP)
SH (SHP)
.....
THEY'VE BEEN DESTROYED?
THE ANGEL FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY...? OH, THEM.

WE'VE LOST ONE OF OUR SUPPLIERS FOR OUR MATERIALS!
...THEY TRULY ARE ANNOY-ING...
THOSE JACKA-LOPES...!

DINER
IS THIS... THE SAME BUILDING AS YESTERDAY?
HE'S REALLY BEEN BUSY, HASN'T HE?
WOW.
GYU (SQUEEZ)
TSURU (SLIP)

KYU (SQUEAK)
OH!
GOTO (BUMP)
GACHA (KACHAK)
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
DON'T CLEAN THE PLACE WHERE I KEEP MY PERSONAL THINGS!
AH!
?
BASA (RUSTLE)

I'M THE ONE...
...WHO WANTS TO ASK WHAT'S GOING ON HERE.
AH!
THE PAPER NAPKIN AND DISPOSABLE CHOPSTICKS AKUTA-NII USED ARE RUINED!
A HIDDEN CAMERA ...?
IT'S MY COLLECTION OF PHOTOS OF THE MAN I DEEPLY RESPECT.

"NEVER THINK OF THIS GUY AS COOL EVER AGAIN!"
...ANOTHER ADDITION TO THE KAKUJOU FAMILY RULES—
Click
OHH?
.....
HONESTLY! IF YOU GOT ANYTHING DIRTY, I'LL KILL YOU!
I'VE GIVEN UP ON TRYING NOT TO LIVE NOW...
GU CCLENCHO
BAKIN CCLACKO
...YOU WON'T "PUNISH" ME?

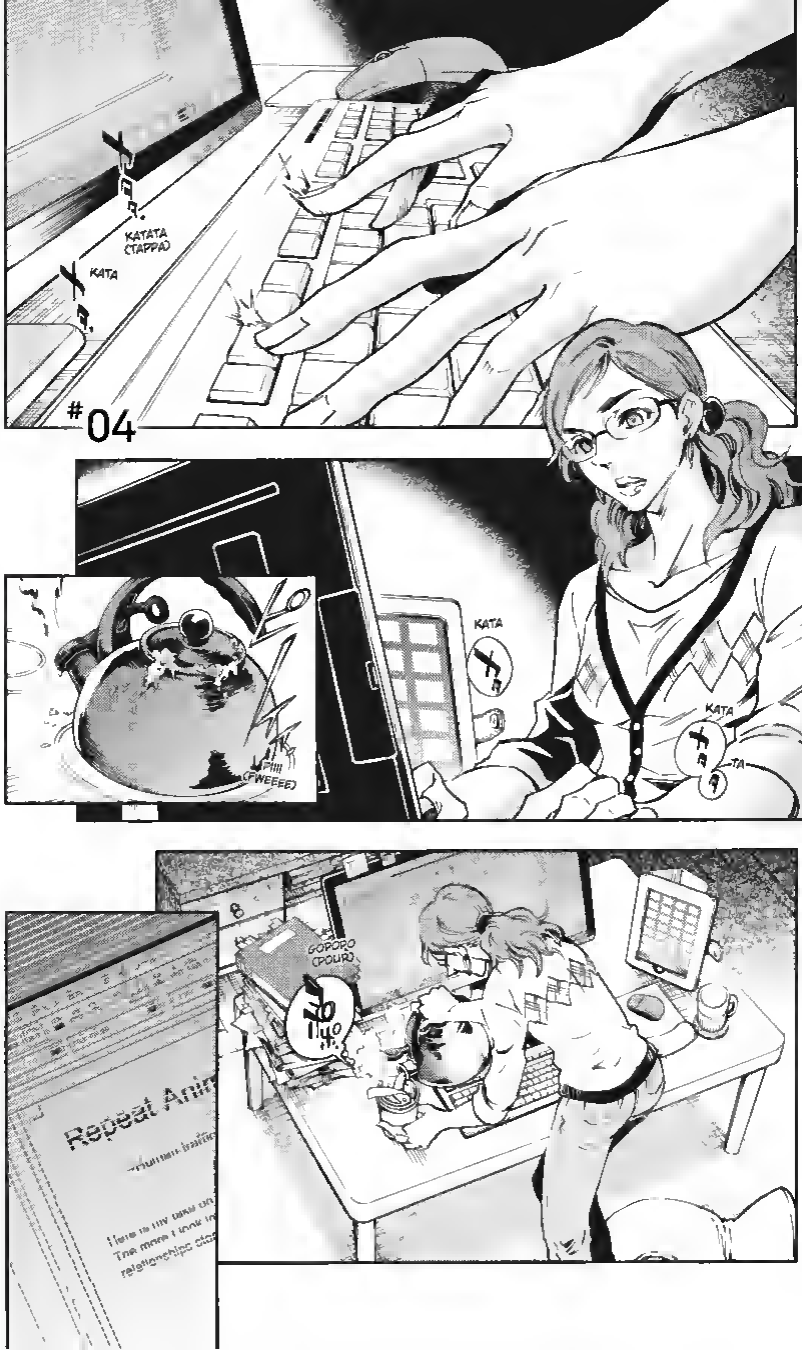
...I WONDER WHOSE FAULT THAT IS?
.....
...HMPH!

SMOKIN'
PARADE

SMOKIN' PARADE

JINSEI KATAOKA, KAZUMA KONDOU

THE WORLD
IS DEAD,
THE PARADE WILL
START.


KATATA (TAPPA)
KATA
#04
KATA
KATA
-TA
(FWEEEE)
GOPORO (POUR)
Repeat Anim

...YAMAGA-SAN.

#04 CHEAP THRILLS

Repeat Animal Head Killing

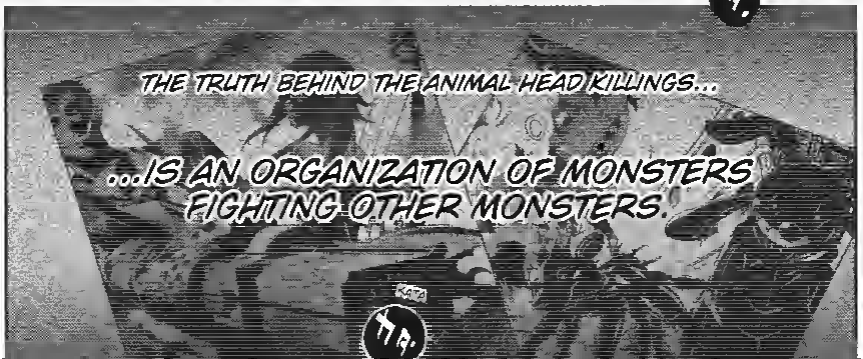
~Human trafficking and the organization in oppositio

Ritsuko Yamaga, Japan Daily Bulletin

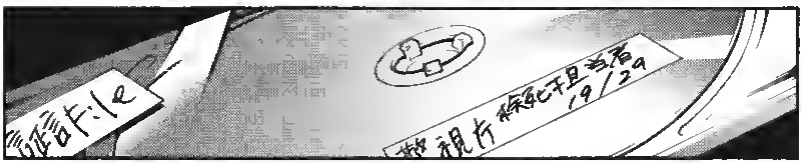
Here is my take on the killings that took place in Tokyo on April 8th.
The more I look into the family involved in the killings, the more the relationships start to tangle up like a spider's web.

社会報道部
YOU HAVEN'T WRITTEN ANY ARTICLES LATELY.
AND YOU HARDLY EVER COME INTO THE OFFICE EITHER... YOUR DESK'S ALWAYS EMPTY.
YOUR AWARD'S GOTTA BE REALLY LONELY.

ESPECIALLY COMPARED TO THE STORY I'M CHASING RIGHT NOW.
THIS AWARD'S NOT GOOD FOR ANYTHING BUT A LID FOR MY CUP NOODLES.


KATATATA (CLACK-) TA
THE TRUTH BEHIND THE ANIMAL HEAD KILLINGS...
...IS AN ORGANIZATION OF MONSTERS FIGHTING OTHER MONSTERS.
KATA

THE OTHER MONSTERS: MYSTERIOUS CREATURES WITH ANIMAL COSTUME HEADS.
THEY OFTEN HAVE MULTIPLE AND/OR DEFORMED LIMBS.
THE ORGANIZATION OF MONSTERS: A GANG OF APPARENTLY HORNED CREATURES.
THEY ARE ARMED WITH POWERFUL WEAPONRY WHOSE ORIGIN AND FUNCTIONALITY ARE UNKNOWN.



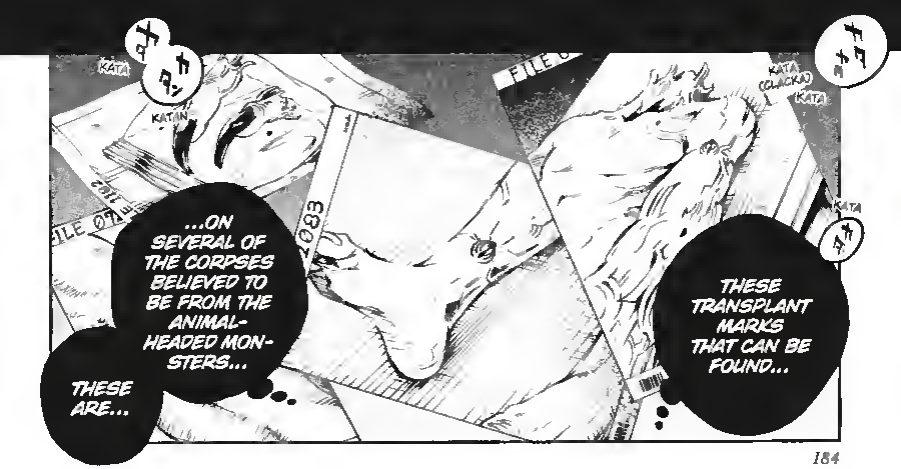
LABEL: EVIDENCE FILE

LABEL: POLICE HEADQUARTERS, MEDICAL EXAMINER

...we cannot determine their identity by their face because of the animal head.
And it will be difficult to tell exactly who this is. Especially since...
However...
...based on what I've found, most likely...
...they were originally human.

...the DNA has been "over-written."
MY HYPOTH-ESIS—
THE ORGANIZATION OF MONSTERS' GOAL...IS TO EXTERMINATE THE ANIMAL-HEADED MONSTERS.

WHETHER THEY ARE ACTING ON A GRUDGE OR PERFORMING THE EXECUTIONS IN THE NAME OF JUSTICE...IS UNKNOWN.



Hello.
It's time for "Traces of Miracles."
BACKDROP: TRACES OF MIRACLES
We have their young president on the line with us right now.
...is Amenotori, the revolutionary medical company.
The miracle we're focusing on today...

...but to provide "a better life."
...We aim not to provide cures...
By selectively causing the patient's own cells to replicate themselves...
Injuries.
Illnesses.
Accidents.
...We can give the patient what was lost from such events and thus lighten their hearts.

KATA

Amenotori. In the past ten years or so, what was once a small pharmaceutical company has now grown to be a juggernaut with a world market share of over sixty percent.

—And behind their revolutionary techniques

KATA

KATA KATA KATA KATA TA TA

AFTER PUBLISHING A GROUND-BREAKING PAPER ON THOSE VERY PRINCIPLES...
"CLONING OF HUMAN TISSUE."
"DNA SUBSTITUTION."
"INTERSPECIES BONE, MUSCLE, AND NERVE TRANSPLANTS."
...YOUNG KURAMA HAZAMA WENT MISSING.
THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THAT SHE HAS SOME CONNECTION TO AMENOTORI.
BUT THE INTERESTING PART IS...
...HER YOUNGER BROTHER, SHIRAMA HAZAMA. HIS FIELD OF STUDY WAS...
...THE GENIUS WHO OUTSHONE EVEN HER...

...REFINING SPECIALTY METALS...
...AND INTEGRATING METAL PARTS INTO THE HUMAN BODY.
...AND THE FIGHT BETWEEN THESE MONSTERS THAT SEEM TO BE THE VERY MANIFESTATIONS OF THEIR RESEARCH...
...CAN'T POSSIBLY BE A COINCIDENCE...
...THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THESE SIBLINGS...
KATAT CLACK!

Hmm?
PI (BEEP)
A weird message came in to your dummy account.
Doc?
CAPTION: YAMAGA
HMM.
.....
Yadda, yadda.
"...have something to do with the 'artificial metal' in your old papers? Please give me more details."
"Could the 'scraps of mysterious metal' found at the sites of several different killings...

...SO SHE GOT TO ME FROM THOSE "SCRAPS OF MYSTERIOUS METAL." HUH?
IT DOES HAVE A NAME, YOU KNOW. "VARIABLE STEAM DISTORTION METAL."
Yeah, but you constantly change the name!
THAT'S NOT THE NAME YOU SAID LAST TIME.
I THOUGHT I'D COMPLETELY ERASED MYSELF FROM THE RECORDS.
SHE'S A PRETTY GOOD JOURNALIST.
AND SHE GETS EXTRA POINTS FOR BEING A WOMAN WEARING THOSE FRAMELESS GLASSES!
That's beside the point.
WELL, I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN MAKE IT. THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN WORK WITH IT TOO
TAKING THIS METAL WITH ITS VARIABLE COMPRESSION RATIO THAT CAN GO DENSER THAN TWENTY-SEVEN G/CM3...
...AND FUSING IT TO HUMAN NERVES IS SUCH A DELICATE TASK IT REQUIRES FINE MOLDING USING ANTI-MATTER.
...SO...

...HOW IS IT...
...YOUKOU-KUN WAS ABLE TO USE THOSE GEARS?
I NEVER MAKE MISTAKES.
LABEL: YOUKOU KAKUJOU
...WHICH MEANS...
Sample
角上 陽光 Age15

...THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE WITH HIS VERY EXISTENCE...
TELEVISION: MODERN MEDICINE, TRACES OF MIRACLES
...Anyone can enjoy Amenotori's techniques...
TIMER M S
2:06
×1.0
QUES-TION.
IF THESE MEDICAL TECH-NIQUES...
KATA-(CLACK)-KATA

SO WHY HAS THE MARKET ONLY GROWN SINCE AMENOTORI CAME TO THE FOREFRONT?
KATATA
...THEN THERE SHOULD BE A DECLINE IN THE MARKET FOR HUMAN BODIES AND ORGANS.
...ARE TRULY AS INEXPENSIVE AND SIMPLE AS HE CLAIMS...
The conclusion I have come to is
KATA
AMENOTORI IS INVOLVED IN THE ORGAN MARKET.
KATA
WHAT CONVINCED ME OF THIS...

...WAS THAT INCIDENT.

THE BOY AGREED TO AN INTERVIEW IN EXCHANGE FOR SOME SCRAPS OF FOOD.
OH?
HE GAVE IT TO YOU?
IT'S FROM MY FRIEND.
YOU THINK?
THAT'S QUITE A WONDERFUL BRACELET.
BOTH HIS EYES AND HIS HEART WERE BLANK AND DEAD.
NO.
I MADE IT WITH THE BULLETS THEY SHOT INTO HIS HEAD.
RITSUKO!
BUT THEN, ON THE FINAL DAY OF MY TIME THERE...

WHAT WAS IT CALLED AGAIN?
"ARMENUT-TORY"?
OR WAS IT "AMOONO-TURY"?
WOW!
REALLY?
I DID IT!
I GOT A JOB THAT SHOULD PAY ENOUGH TO EVEN FEED MY COUSINS!

HE WAS SMILING LIKE A PROPER CHILD.

...THEN, A FEW MONTHS LATER...
...DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS OFF A HIGHWAY IN G PREFECTURE...
KEEP OUT
KEEP OUT
KEEP OUT

...OKAY.
...NO PICTURES INSIDE, NOT EVEN FOR YOU.
AND DON'T HURL EITHER.
A MASS MURDER...?
KEEP OUT
KEEP OUT
KEEP OUT
MP5
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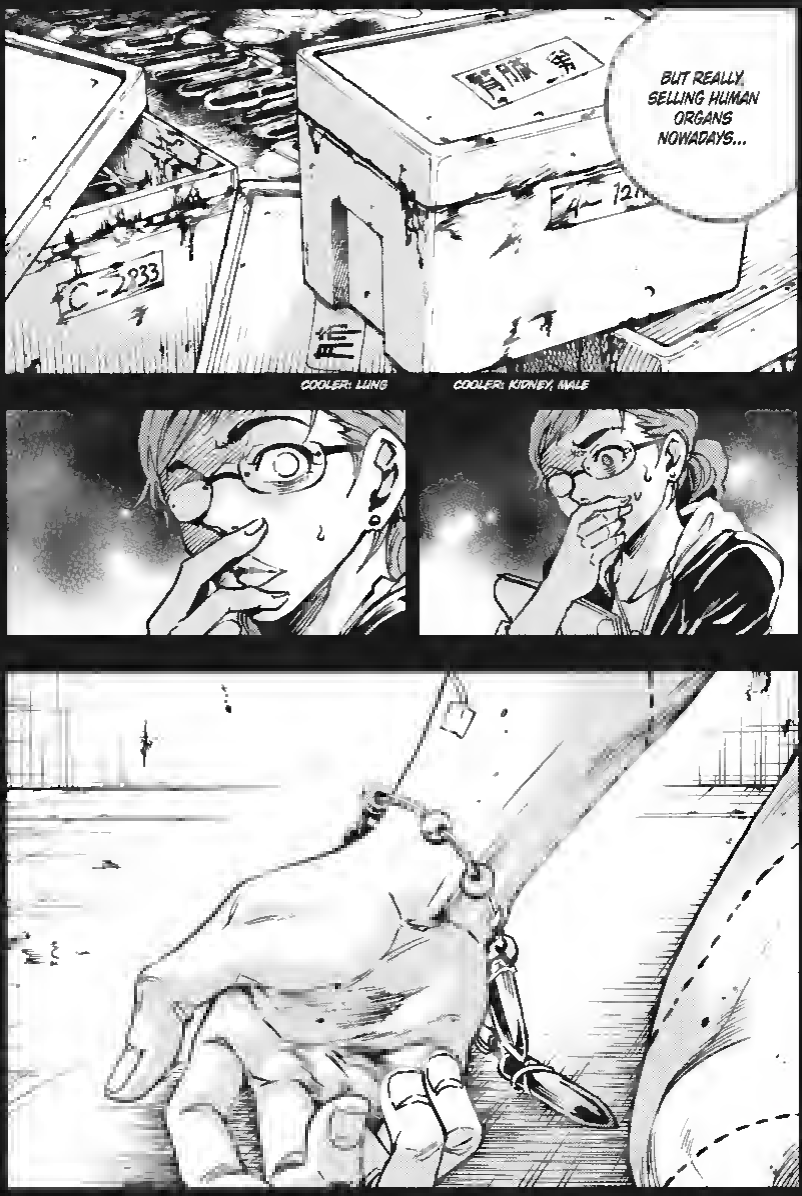
THIS WAS A CASH COW FOR THE DUMBASSES AT THE BOTTOM OF THE YAKUZA TOTEM POLE
THEY RECRUITED ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS


BUT REALLY, SELLING HUMAN ORGANS NOWADAYS...
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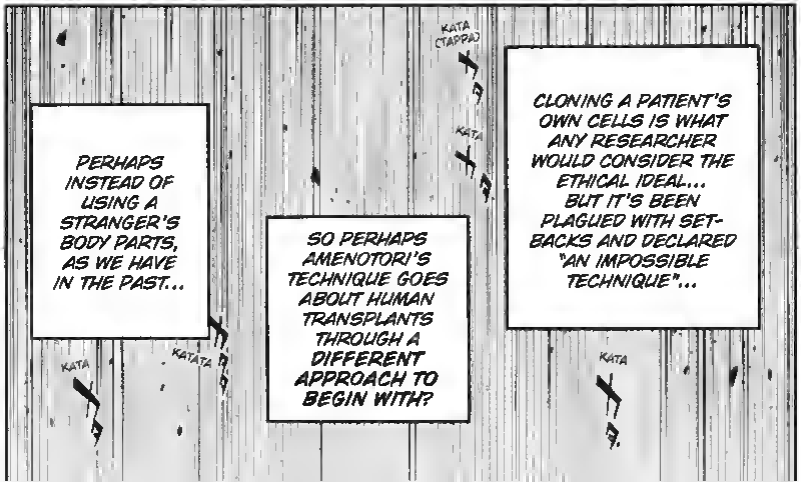
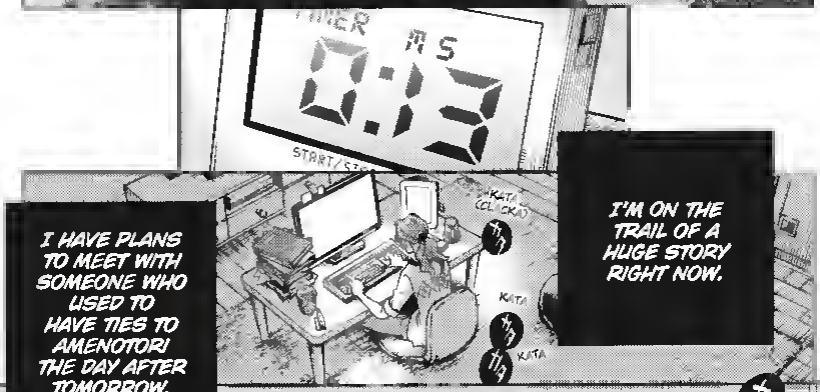
COOLER: LUNG
COOLER: KIDNEY, MALE

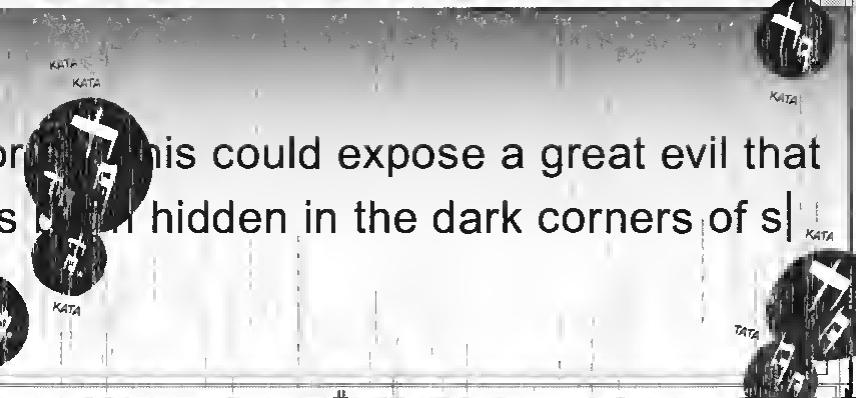
I CRIED...
...AND I THREW UP.
THEN I DID IT AGAIN AND AGAIN, AND I FINALLY REACHED AN ANSWER.
KATA
TA
KATATA (CLACK-)

"ARMENUTTORY."
"AMOONOTURY."
NO...
IT WAS AMENOTORI.


KATA (TAPPA)
KATA
KATA
KATA
KATATA
PERHAPS INSTEAD OF USING A STRANGER'S BODY PARTS, AS WE HAVE IN THE PAST...
SO PERHAPS AMENOTORI'S TECHNIQUE GOES ABOUT HUMAN TRANSPLANTS THROUGH A DIFFERENT APPROACH TO BEGIN WITH?
CLONING A PATIENT'S OWN CELLS IS WHAT ANY RESEARCHER WOULD CONSIDER THE ETHICAL IDEAL... BUT IT'S BEEN PLAGUED WITH SET-BACKS AND DECLARED "AN IMPOSSIBLE TECHNIQUE"...


I HAVE PLANS TO MEET WITH SOMEONE WHO USED TO HAVE TIES TO AMENOTORI THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW.
I'M ON THE TRAIL OF A HUGE STORY RIGHT NOW.
KATA
KATA
KATA

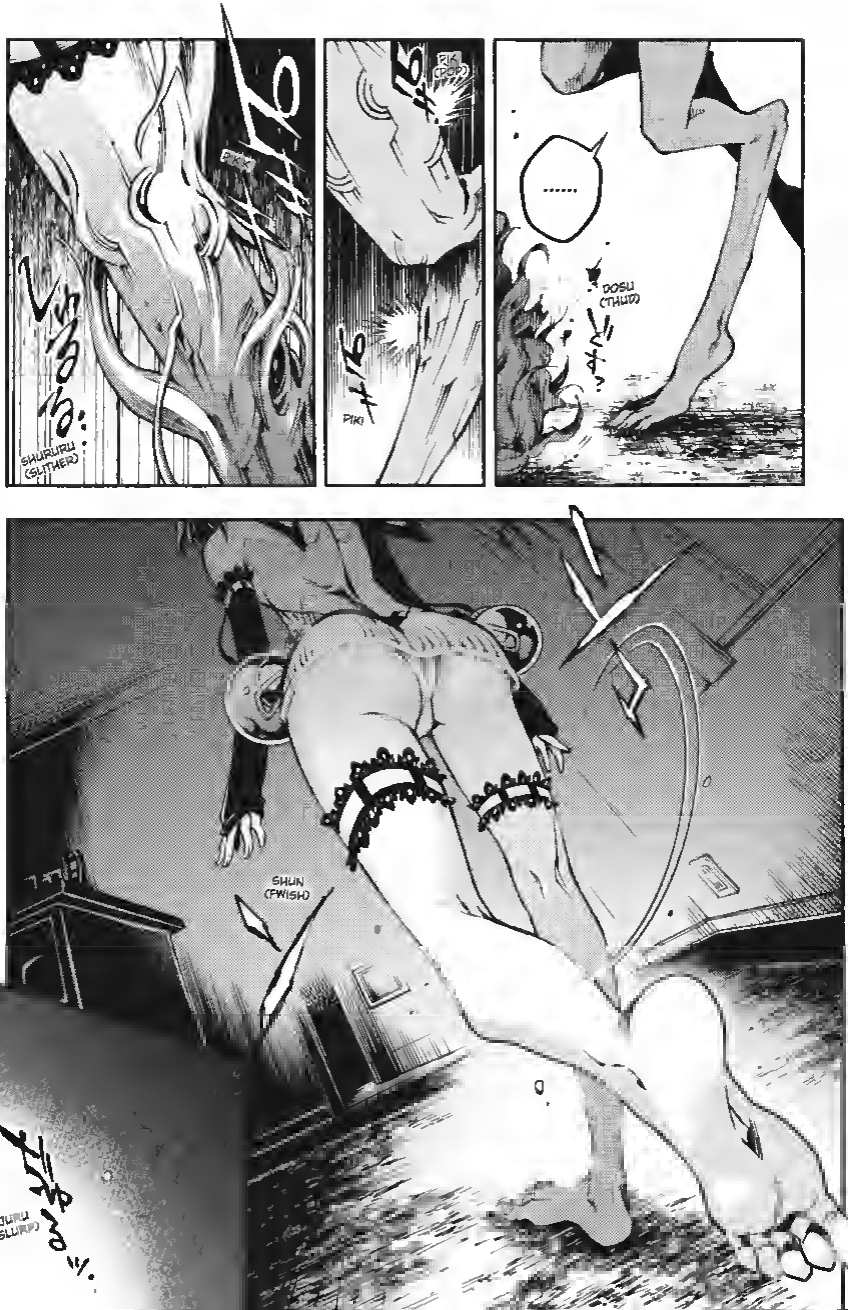
orrow. Depending on what I learn tomorrow



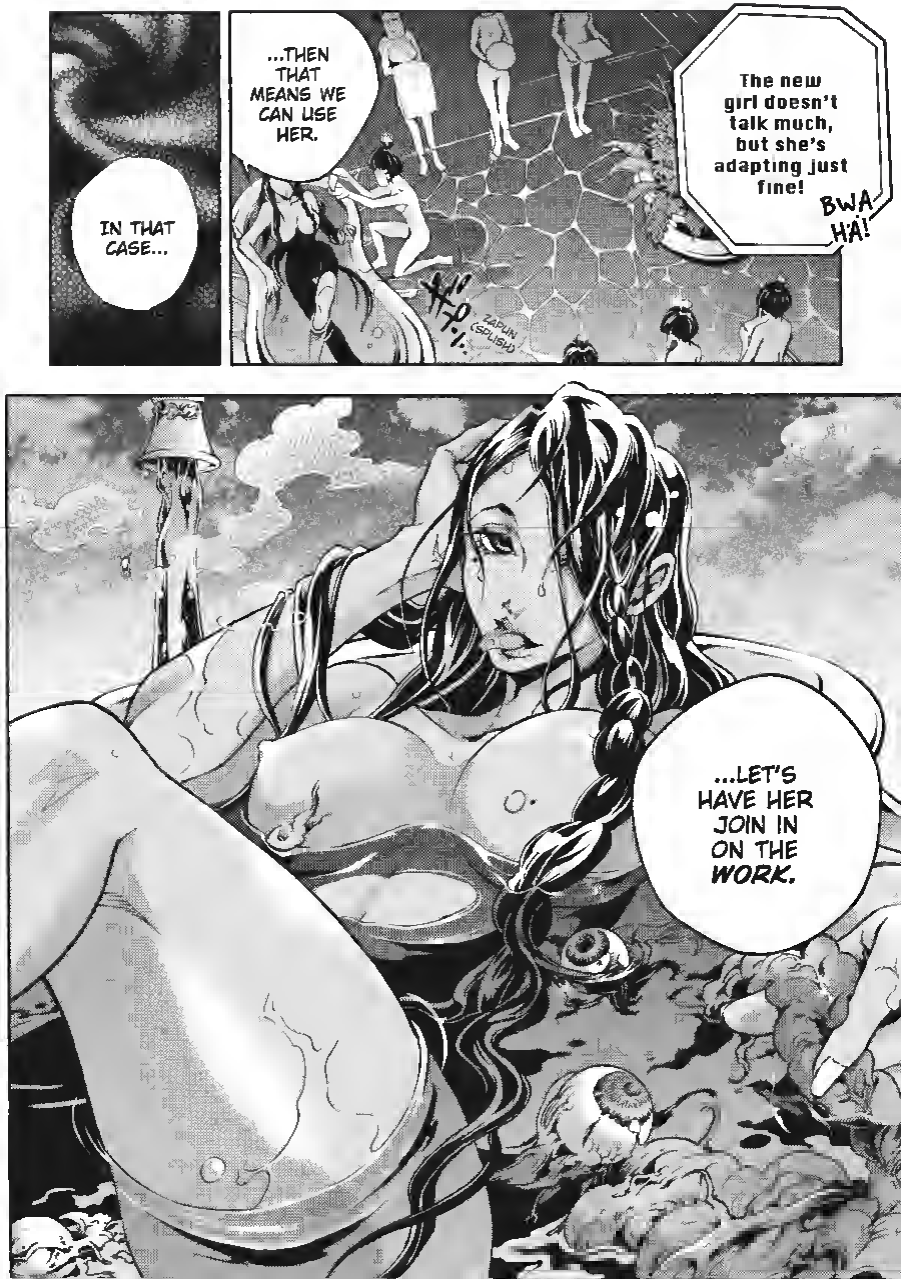
or his could expose a great evil that
s hidden in the dark corners of s

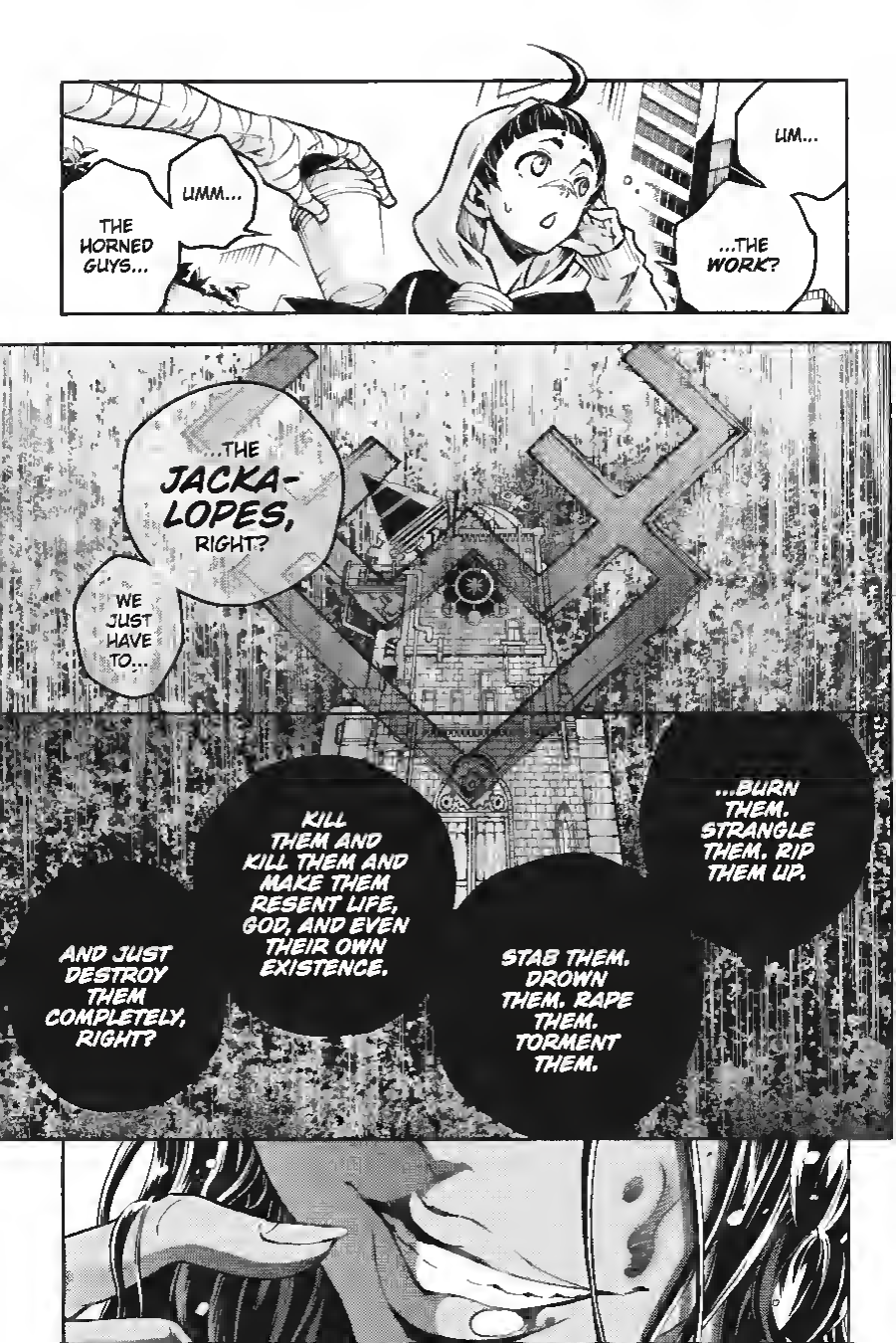
SPACE
NOODLES
TIMER
0:00
PI
PI
(BEEP)
PI
PON
(BOUNCE)
PON

POOON
PON
PON (BOUNCE)
...Hey.
Make sure you *go back* to normal.
HELLOOO?
YOU DONE TAKING CARE OF THAT ANNOYING LITTLE BUG?

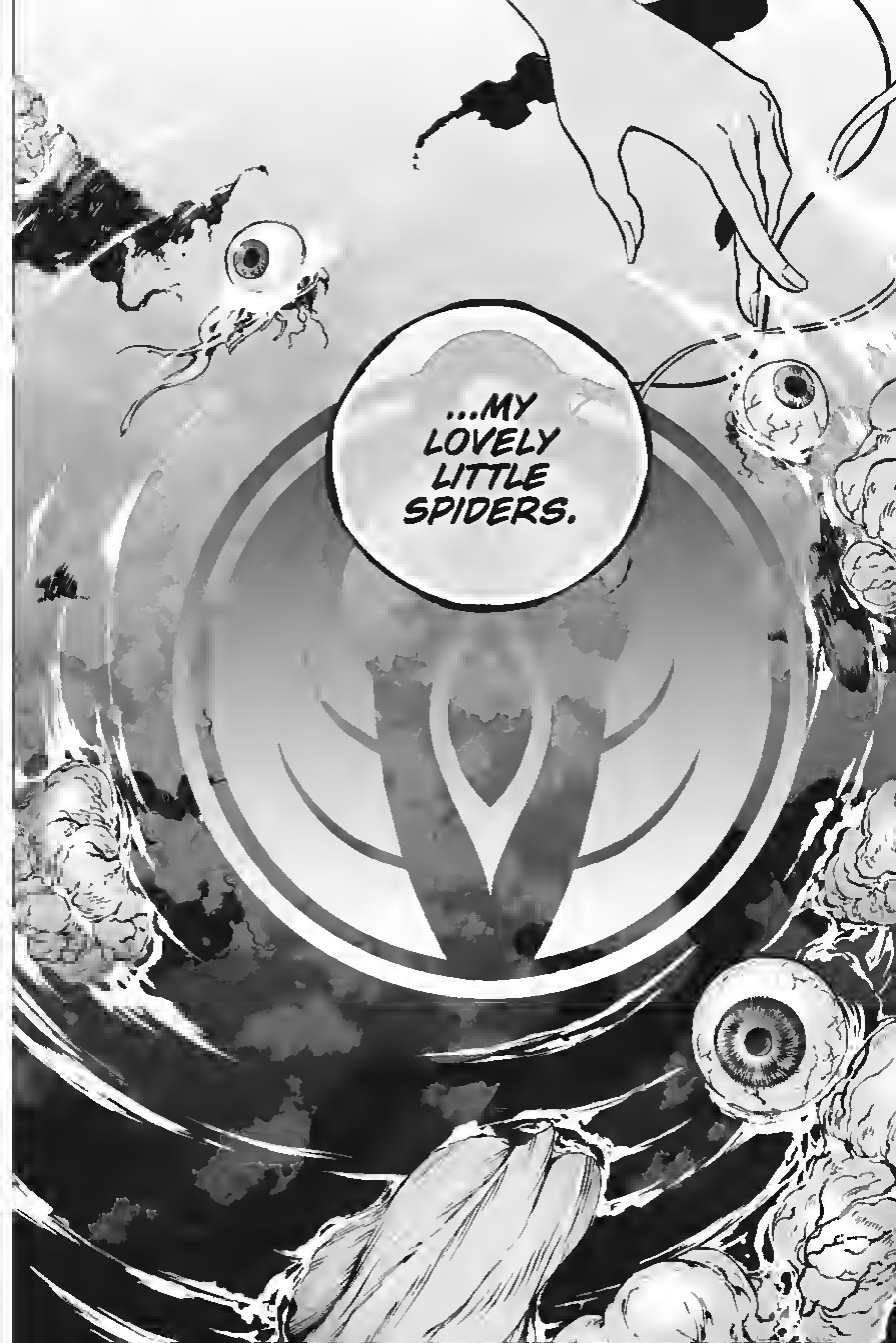

.....
DOSU (THUD)
PIKI
PIKI
SHURURU (SLITHER)
SHUN (FWISH)
JURU (SLURP)

YES, I HEAR YOU, CHIEF SCIENTIST KURAMA!
AHH!
...Some-one answer me!!
ZURU
ZURU
ZURU
JURU (SLURP)
Huh?
SHE'S EATING SOME RAMEN TOO
IT'S FINE! SHE WAS JUST PLAYING A LITTLE SOCCER WHILE I WAS OFF RUNNING AN ERRAND!
WHOA!
GON (THWACK)
BWA HA!
OH, KURAMA-CHAN? WE EVEN TOOK CARE OF THAT REPORTER WHO WAS GONNA SQUEAL TO THE AUTHORITIES!
PRAISE ME! ♡


IN THAT CASE...
...THEN THAT MEANS WE CAN USE HER.
The new girl doesn't talk much, but she's adapting just fine!
BWA HA!
ZAPUN (SPLISH)
...LET'S HAVE HER JOIN IN ON THE WORK.


UM...
...THE WORK?
UMM...
THE HORNED GUYS...
...THE JACKA-LOPES, RIGHT?
WE JUST HAVE TO...
...BURN THEM. STRANGLE THEM. RIP THEM UP.
KILL THEM AND KILL THEM AND MAKE THEM RESENT LIFE, GOD, AND EVEN THEIR OWN EXISTENCE.
STAB THEM. DROWN THEM. RAPE THEM. TORMENT THEM.
AND JUST DESTROY THEM COMPLETELY, RIGHT?

SHIKA-
GURA...
...YES♡
THAT'S
PERFECT.


...MY LOVELY LITTLE SPIDERS.

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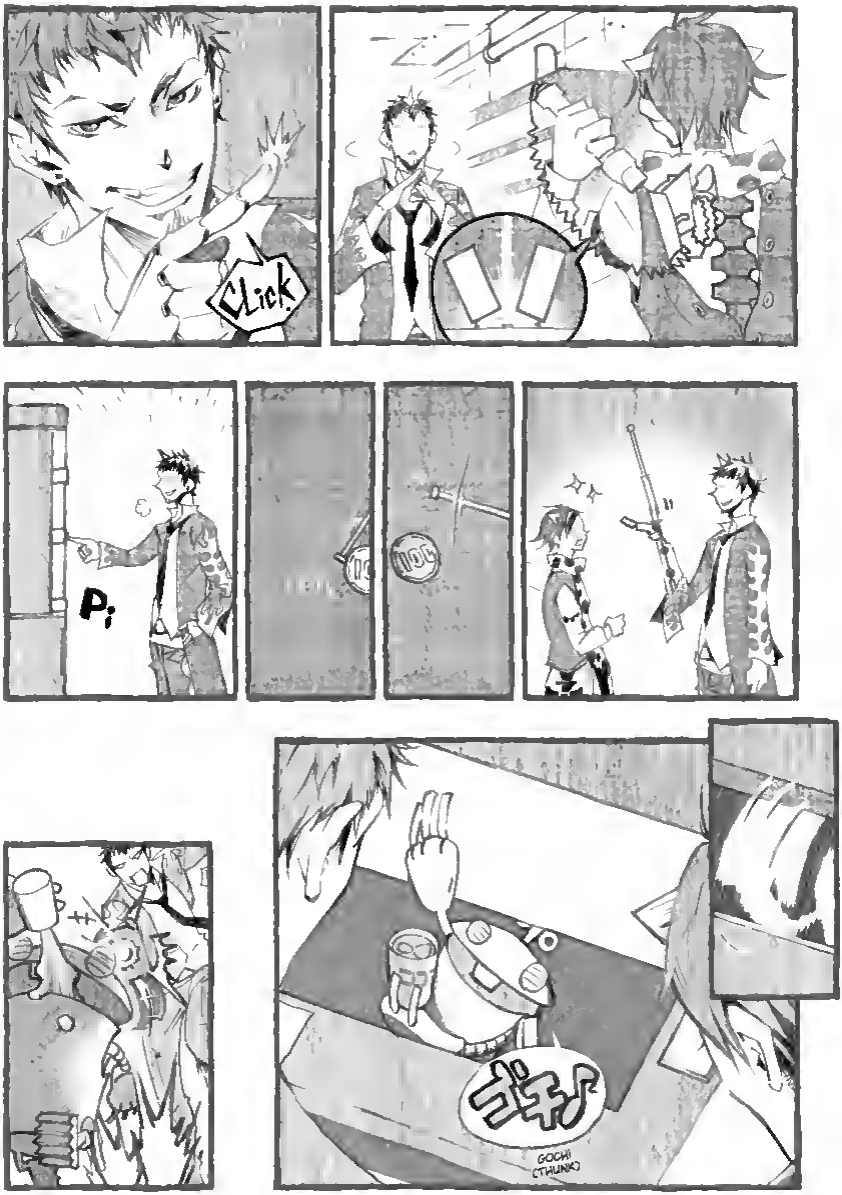
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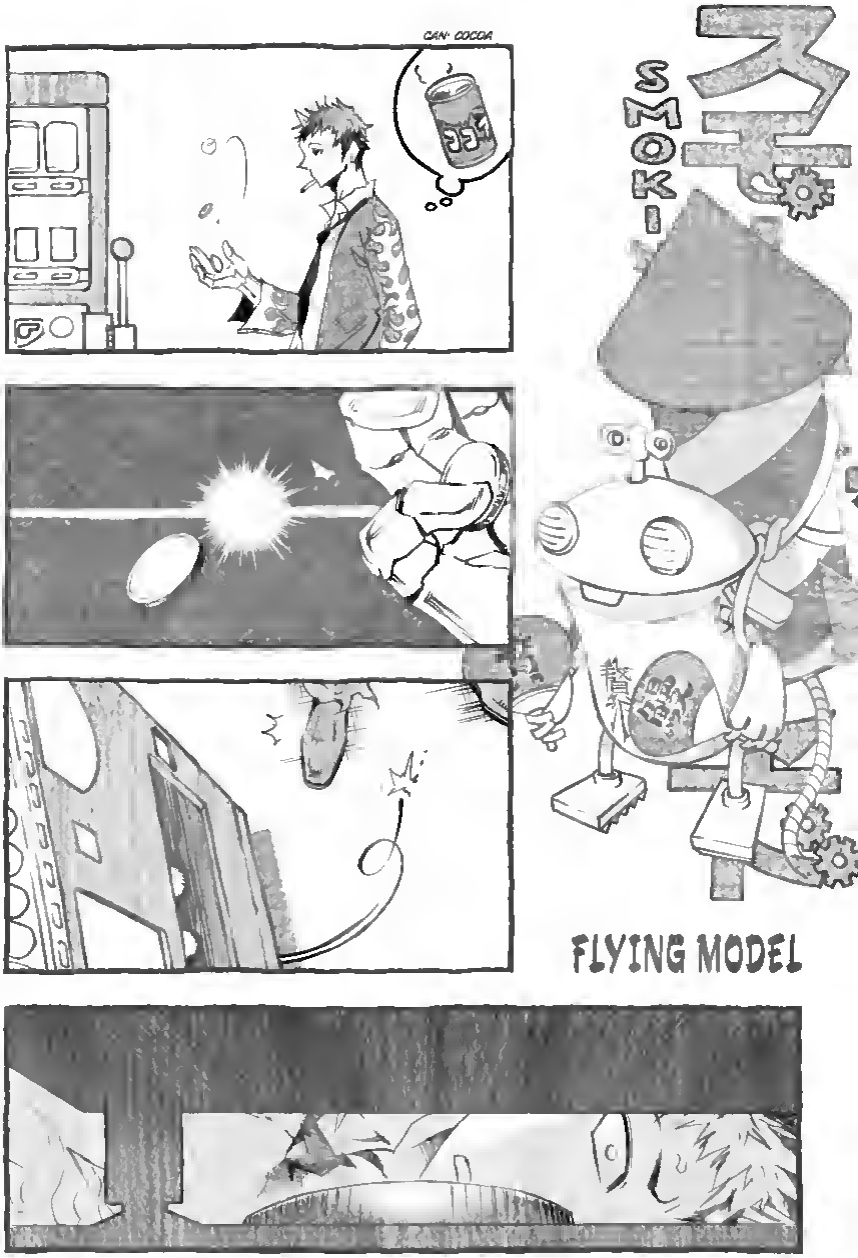
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